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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# FIFTY-THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

*Held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia,*

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# **LIST**

OF THE

## **CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES**

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

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### **CLERGY.**

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

\*The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Georgetown, and St. Paul's church, Beaver County.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, rector of All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Bryant, missionary at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, Professor in the Abbeyville Institute, near Lancaster.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, and missionary at Jerseytown, and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and missionary at Pike Run, Washington county.

\* The Rev. Bennett Glover, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

\* The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, rector of St. Luke's church and Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, missionary at Pottstown, Montgomery, and Morlatten, Berks county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, missionary at Connelville, Fayette county, and Greensburg, Westmoreland county.

\* The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, missionary at Kittanning, Glade Run, and Freeport, Armstrong county, and Butler, Butler county.

The Rev. George Kirke, missionary at New London Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

\* The Rev. Freeman Lane, missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. John Linn McKim, deacon, missionary at Honesdale and Bethany, Wayne county.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

\* The Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Missionary at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, missionary at Muncy and Hughesville, Lycoming county, and Milton, Northumberland county.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

\* The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

\* The Rev. John Taylor, Pittsburg.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, professor in the Abbeville Institute, near Lancaster.

\* The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

\* James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States. 49.

Those whose names are marked \* were *not present* at the Convention.

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#### LAY DEPUTIES.

Christ church, Pottstown. Robert E. Hobart, John P. Rutter.

St. David's, Manayunk. Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner.

St. Luke's, Germantown. Wyndham H. Stokes, B. Chew, Eliakim Littell.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, W. H. Klapp, Clement P. Rutter.

Grace Church, Philadelphia. James Casey, Samuel Snelling, \* G. W. Lord.

St. John's Church, N. L. Joseph S. Riley, Abel Reed, James Vineyard.

Epiphany Church, Philadelphia. Caspar Morris, Joseph Watson, William Musgrave.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, John Andrews, Thomas Robins.

St. James' Church, Philadelphia. Wm. Rawle, \*Cornelius Comegys, G. M. Wharton.

St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. T. J. Wharton, C. N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham.

Trinity Church, Pottsville. \*Thomas C. Williams, \*Charles Ellet, \*Martin Weaver.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. Wm. Meredith, James S. Smith, F. Gurney Smith.

Christ Church, Philadelphia. P. H. Nicklin, Robert S. Johnson, \*Wm. Smith.

St. Mark's Church, Lewistown. Joseph M. Cogley, \*Robert McNeal.

St. James' Church, Lancaster. \*Thomas E. Franklin, Thomas Jeffries.

Calvary Church, Rockdale. Richard S. Smith, \*John S. Johnson.

St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk. \*A. L. Foster.

St. John's Church, Concord. Hill Brinton, A. W. Sharples.

St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook. Thomas Robinson, George Lodge, B. F. Johnson.

St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre. \*H. F. Lamb, Levi Burr.

St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg. \*Hamilton Aldricks, \*T. H. Burrows, Benjamin Parke.

St. John's Church, Carlisle. Isaac B. Parker, Edward J. Stiles.

Christ Church, Meadville. C. B. Powers.

St. Mary's, Chester county. Samuel Shafer, T. K. Bull, \*Jesse Evans.

Christ Church, Huntingdon. M. C. Clarkson.

St. Luke's Church, Newton, Bucks county. \*John Barnsley, Wm. Paff.

St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county. Abner Ubill.

St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville. Edward Nicholson.

St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. J. D. George, \*John Farr, Wm. Alexander.

Christ Church, Reading. M. S. Richards, Henry Rhoads, Joseph L. Stichter.

St. Paul's, West Whiteland. Jonathan Jones.

St. Andrew's, West Vincent. Henry Buckwalter.

St. John's, New London, Chester county. \*Thomas Charton, Charles McDonald, \*John T. Harrison.

St. James', Perkiomen. Jesse Bean, \*John Casselberry.

St. James' Church, Bristol. George Breck.

St. Luke's, Pottsville. Francis B. Nichols.

Trinity Church, Pittsburgh. Jonas R. McClintock.

St. Mary's, West Philadelphia. Christian Wiltberger, Wm. Adams.

St. John's Church, Norristown. John McKay, \* Zadok Thomas.

St. Peter's, Butler, Butler county. John Bredin.

St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown. Levi B. Smith, \*Davis Smith, David Morgan.

Trinity Church, Easton. \*Isaac C. Wickoff, Charles Swift.

Dyberry Parish, Wayne county. \*Thomas T. Hays.

St. David's, Newton Township, Delaware county. Henry Carter.

All Saint's Church, Philadelphia county. Samuel Coxe.

Bangor Church, Churchtown. Frederick Landis.

The Lay Deputies entitled to seats in the Convention by certificates, but who did not answer to their names, are marked in the above list thus \*.



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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
Tuesday, May 16th, 1837, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize. A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk D. D.

Rev. George Boyd,  
Samuel Bowman,  
William Bryant,  
Levi Bull,  
John A. Clark,  
William H. De Lancey.  
D. D.

Jacob M. Douglass,  
Henry W. Ducachet,  
M. D.

Frederick Freeman.  
Lyman N. Freeman,

Rev. William Hommann,  
Samuel T. Lord,  
James May,  
George Mintzer,  
Richard U. Morgan,  
William H. Rees,  
John Reynolds,  
Joshua M. Rogers,  
John Rodney, Jr.  
Nathan Stem,  
John V. E. Thorn,  
S. H. Tyng, D. D.  
George Upfold, D. D.  
Alexander Varian.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Alexander,  
John Andrews,  
Charles N. Bancker,  
Levi Burr,  
Hill Brinton  
T. K. Bull,

Joseph S. Riley,  
Thomas Robins,  
Thomas Robinson,  
Clement S. Rutter,  
John P. Rutter,  
Samuel Shafer.



James Casey,  
 Michael Clarkson,  
 Joseph M. Cogley,  
 John Farr,  
 J. D. George,  
 Robert S. Johnson,  
 Wm. H. Klapp,  
 Wm. Meredith,  
 Edward Nicholson,  
 Philip H. Nicklin,  
 William Paff,  
 Benjamin Parke,  
 Isaac B. Parker,  
 C. B. Powers,  
 Abel Reed,  
 Matthias S. Richards,

Abraham W. Sharples,  
 Francis G. Smith,  
 James S. Smith,  
 R. S. Smith,  
 Samuel Snelling,  
 Cornelius Stevenson,  
 Joseph L. Stichter,  
 Edward J. Stiles,  
 Abner Ubill,  
 James Vineyard,  
 Samuel Wagner,  
 Tobias Wagner,  
 Joseph Watson,  
 George M. Wharton,  
 Thomas I. Wharton,  
 Peter Williamson.

On motion, the Rt. Rev. Bishop McCoskry of Michigan, now present in the city, was invited to attend the sittings of this Convention, and was thereupon introduced, and took his seat in the chancel.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of a secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Ducachet was unanimously chosen.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary from the revised regulations.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

A list of the Clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, according to Canon XIV, Section 5, when the Rev. Dr. De Lancey answered to his name, and offered a satisfactory excuse.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
Wednesday May 17th, 1837, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. W. H. Rees, the ante-communion by Bishop McCoskry, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Samuel Bowman; after which the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Right Rev. Bishop McCoskry, and the Rev. Messrs. Bowman and Rees.

The service being ended, the Convention was called to order for business. The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding session was read and approved.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. Messrs. Wm. Adderly, F. W. Beasley, Edward Y. Buchanan, Thomas Crumpton, Robert Davis, George C. Drake, Wm. Hilton, John J. Kerr, George Kirke, Samuel T. Lord, John Liun McKim, George Sheets.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Messrs. B. Chew, M. C. Clarkson, Henry Rhoads, Robert E. Hobart, B. F. Johnson, Wm. Kirkham, Eliakim Littell, Abel Reed.

The following lay deputies presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

William Adams, Jesse Bean, George Breck, John Bredin, Henry Carter, Jonathan Jones, Charles McDonald, Jonas R. McClintock, John McKay, David Morgan, Francis B. Nichols, Charles Swift, Christian Wiltberger.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey moved the following resolution.

Whereas, since the last meeting of the Convention, the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and in the United States, has been deprived by death of the services and care of the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. their late beloved Diocesan.

Therefore Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to draft and report a preamble and resolutions expressive of the views and feelings of this Convention in relation to the late Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese.

Which was unanimously carried; the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, the Rev. Mr. Bull, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, Mr. Meredith, Mr. James S. Smith, and Col. Robinson being appointed said committee.

On motion Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the charters of churches applying for admission into this Convention. Whereupon the following persons were appointed: Rev. Mr. Morgan, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, Rev. Mr. Crumpton, Messrs. Meredith, Joseph S. Smith, and P. H. Nicklin.

On motion of Rev. John Reynolds,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be rendered to the Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Meade for the faithfulness and diligence with which he has performed the duties of its Secretary for several years previous to his removal from this Diocese;

and that the Secretary of this Convention forward a copy of this resolution to him.

On motion Resolved, That a committee be appointed on unfinished business; when Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Reynolds, and Rogers were appointed.

On motion Resolved, That a committee on mileage be appointed to apportion the payment of the expenses of the clergy in travelling to this Convention; whereupon Messrs. Tobias Wagner. Wm. Meredith, and F. G. Smith were appointed said committee.

The Right. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk delivered his annual address.

### ADDRESS.

*Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:*

We assemble this year without the presence of that venerable man of God, who for more than half a century presided over the deliberations of this council of the Church. Often as he had reminded us that his lengthened term of existence forbade him to expect to remain with us much longer, and reasonable as we had regarded this warning, the kind forbearance of Providence from year to year, had rendered us almost forgetful of the certainty that the day of separation must at length come. In the wise ordering of that Providence, the long deferred period has arrived; and the patriarch of our affections has been removed to the better world, has departed to be with Christ. So we trust. And it becomes us all to treasure the remembrance of his virtues, of his beautiful example, more uniformly pure and holy than that probably of any other individual known to any in this assemblage, and of his mild and conciliating deportment as eminent among christians generally, and among the fathers of the Church. Wide was the influence of his name in public affairs; but it could not be more deep or more pervading than the admiration of his personal excellence; and both his public and personal character will long live in the fond recollection of all who knew him, and survive yet longer in the tributes yet to be rendered by those who come after us.

Neither our time nor the occasion allow me to enter more at large on the elevated character, whether in private or public life, of our late beloved diocesan. It is recorded both in our hearts, and in the history of that branch of the Church, in the organization and construction of which he took ever a conspicuous part. But it is proper that I announce to this



body, in due form, the lamented occurrence to which I have briefly alluded.—The decease of Bishop White occurred on Sunday, July 17th, a little before noon, almost ere the sound of the prayers had died away, which arose from all the congregations of our communion near enough to know his decaying condition. Preceding this event was an indisposition of about a fortnight; during which, though his faculties gradually became dim, he gave renewed evidence of the triumph of the christian principles and the gracious influences, which had so early conformed his heart to the image of his Saviour, and which had so long sustained him and been his happiness. May our portion in Christ be with his!

In proceeding with the duty assigned me by the 7th Canon of 1835, it will be most in unison with the feelings in which we have already indulged, to give the next place to the further inroads of death among the clergy of our diocese, during the past year. The record is fraught with peculiar pain, and includes the names of four of our Reverend brethren. On Sunday, August 14th, the Rev. John Waller James, who had succeeded Bishop White as the Rector of Christ Church, departed this life at Huntingdon, in the interior of the State. He was endeared to us all, to his flock, to the diocese, by his amiableness and excellence, by his piety, by his talents, by his fidelity, and by his usefulness, already great, though he was but in early life, and promising to be much greater should his life be spared. It has pleased the All-wise God to disappoint this hope, and remove his young and faithful servant from his earthly sphere of duty. In also the month of August, I was informed of the decease of the Rev. Francis Reno, an aged clergyman, who long ago entered the western portion of our diocesan field, and laboured there till advancing years rendered him decrepit. On the 14th of September, the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, well known to us as a pious christian, and a zealous and devoted minister, died at Carlisle. He had served, acceptably and usefully, several of our parishes, and was connecting himself with one in Virginia, to which diocese, however, he had not yet been transferred, when a short and severe illness terminated his earthly existence. On Easter Monday, March 27th, the Rev. John S. Breneman died at Lancaster. He had completed his course at the General Seminary last June, and was afterwards ordained a deacon; but disease very soon indicated that he was not to be long spared to us, his strength was immediately prostrated, and he was unable to discharge the duties of his sacred

calling. By this dispensation the Church has been deprived of one of her most talented and promising sons.

With such warnings before us, may it be the prayer and the endeavour of us all, my Reverend brethren, that we may always be ready to give an account of our stewardship!

Owing to the sickness of Bishop White, it devolved upon me to preside at the consecration to the episcopate of Michigan, of the Rev. Samuel Allen McCoskry, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, in this city. Our eminent and beloved brother had been elected under the 1st Canon (sect. 2.) of 1835; and Bishop White had appointed the 5th of July for his consecration; and we fondly hoped that another would be added to the long list of fathers in the Church set apart by his venerable hands; but that hope was frustrated by his mortal indisposition. The solemnity was deferred, to improve a favourable opportunity, should any appear. As however Bishop White's debility increased, there was no cause for further delay; and on Thursday July 7th, in St. Paul's Church, in this city, the testimonials having been communicated to us by our venerable senior, Bishop Doane and Bishop Kemper united with me in conferring the episcopal office on Dr. McCoskry.

During the past Convention year, I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal Holyday, including five Sundays spent in Delaware, and one at Flushing, New York—with the exception of two Sundays, on one of which I resigned the pulpit for which I was engaged, to two of my Rev. brethren from other dioceses, and on the other I could not fulfil an appointment a few miles from town, the snow having stopped the railroad cars. I except also one other Sunday, devoted to the melancholy duty of attending the funeral of my mother. In the Churches and places of worship in Philadelphia I have preached 52 times.

In June last, I preached at Marcus Hook; at Chester; at Honeybrook. In July, at Yardleyville; at Newtown; at Lower Dublin; at Holmesburgh, twice. In August, at Bristol, twice; at Hulmeville; at Francisville. In September, at Hamiltonville; at Lancaster; at Columbia. In October and November, on my South-western journey, I preached at Greensburgh, twice; at Connelville, twice; at Manalen; at Brownsville, three times; at Pike Run; at Hillsborough; at Washington; at Georgetown; at St. Paul's, Beaver county; at Beaver; at Pittsburgh, twice; at Alleghany; at Laceyville; at Lawrenceville; at York; at Petersburg; at Kidderminster; at Carlisle, twice; and at Harrisburgh. In November, at West Whiteland.

In December, at Reading, twice; at Sunbury, three times; at Danville, twice; at Pottsville; at Minersville; and at Schuylkill-haven. In January, 1837, I preached at Germantown, twice; at Rockdale; at Manayunk, twice. In February, at Radnor Church. In April, at West Vincent, and at Honeybrook. In the present month, at Bristol, twice.

Among our Swedes brethren I have preached twice; viz: once at Kingessing, and once at Gloria Dei Church, near the Navy Yard. At the latter place, I confirmed 13 persons.

I have administered *baptism* to four children, besides others included in the parochial registers; and the *Lord's Supper* 22 times, in this diocese, including all public occasions, besides once in private to our late lamented diocesan. I have frequently performed the *funeral* service, but always as acting for one or other of my brethren the parish clergy, or in vacant parishes. I have solemnized ten *marriages*.

The ordinance of *Confirmation* I have administered thirty-seven times, including that at the Swedes Church. At Chester, I confirmed 1 person; at Honeybrook, 10 persons; at Lower Dublin, 10; at Columbia, 5; at Greensburgh, 6; at Connelville, 3; at Brownsville, 8; at Georgetown, 10; at St. Paul's, Beaver County 16; at Pittsburgh, 39; at Laceyville, 9; at York, 6; at Carlisle, 8; at Harrisburgh, 3; at Reading, 7; at Sunbury, 2; at Danville, 2; at Pottsville, 10; at Germantown, 3; at Manayunk, 15; at Radnor Church, 11; at West Vincent, 9; at Bristol, 9. In the parishes of the Rev. Mr. Bull, confirmation has been deferred for a cause already mentioned.

In Philadelphia, I confirmed at St. Stephen's Church, 12 persons: at St. Andrew's, 34, and on a subsequent occasion, 45, total 79; at Trinity, 18; at the Church of the Ascension, 42; at St. Peter's, 26; at St. Thomas', 28; at Grace Church, 50; at Christ Church, 5; at St. John's, 13; at the Church of the Epiphany, 55; at St. James', 7; at Moyamensing, 9; and at Gloria Dei Church, 13.

On the 12th of June, I *consecrated* St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, the building, never before set apart, having been much enlarged and beautified. On the 19th of June I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook: it is a substantial edifice, of stone, and very neatly finished; its dimensions are sufficient for a large congregation; and the whole work reflects the highest credit on those who undertook and completed it. On the 27th of September I consecrated the Church of the Ascension, in this city; it is a handsome building, of good size, and rapidly filling up with a congregation brought together



by the faithful exertions of its Rector. On the 24th of October, I consecrated St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, and on the 28th, St. Paul's Church, Ohio Township, Beaver county: these are old places of worship, and of very plain appearance; but, after remaining long unfinished, they had lately been completed, and the period was very properly deemed a fit one to request their being duly set apart for their hallowed purpose. On the 4th of November, I consecrated Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, Adams county: it belongs to the vestry of Christ Church, which is some miles from the town, and it was erected here for greater convenience; it is a neat edifice of brick, and creditable to the pastor and the congregation who have carried through the good work. On the 7th of December, I consecrated St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury; a small, but very neat structure of brick, well arranged for our services, and tastefully decorated.

On the 27th of November, I officiated at the re-opening of Christ Church, in this city. Its interior has undergone a complete renovation, which has greatly improved its appearance and increased the convenience of its arrangements.

There are five Churches *erecting* in this diocese not before reported. At Rockdale, I laid the corner-stone of Calvary Church on the 17th of August; and in January, I officiated in the Lecture-room. Church edifices are in progress at Bloomsburgh, in place of the old building; at Belle Fonte; at Freeport; and at Glade Run.

The Vestry of the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia, have rented a place of worship belonging to another denomination; and our services are now regularly held there.

Since the last Convention, I have *ordained* five Deacons and five Priests in this Diocese.

On Tuesday, July 14th, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. John J. Kerr, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, July 18th, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. John W. Hoffman, Mr. Walter E. Franklin, Mr. John F. Hoff, and Mr. John S. Breneman, alumni of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, September 11th, in St. James' (Swedes) Church, Kingessing, I admitted the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, September 25th, in St. James' Church, Lancaster, I admitted the Rev. Alexander Varian, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, October 16th, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Alfred A. Miller, an alumnus of the General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Thursday, October 27th, in Georgetown Church, Georgetown, I admitted the Rev. William Adderly, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, November 27th, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Caleb S. Henry, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, June 12th, I *instituted* the Rev. Richard D. Hall to the rectorship of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook; on Sunday, November 13th, the Rev. John Coleman to the rectorship of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia; and on Ascension day, May 4th, the Rev. Benjamin Dorr to the rectorship of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The *letter of dismissal* reported last year as given to the Rev. Thomas West, was accepted in June by Bishop Otey. I have given letters of dismissal to the Rev. Samuel Marks, and the Rev. H. F. M. Whitesides, to the diocese of Michigan; to the Rev. J. W. French, to the Eastern Diocese; to the Rev. Wm. C. Mead, D. D., to the diocese of Connecticut; to the Rev. A. P. Prevost, to the diocese of New York; to the Rev. A. S. Colton, to the diocese of New Jersey; to the Rev. Chauncey Colton, D. D., to the diocese of Ohio; to the Rev. R. Piggott, to the diocese of Maryland; all which have been accepted. I have also transferred the Rev. Willie Peck to the diocese of Delaware.

I have received and accepted letters of dismissal to this diocese in behalf of the Rev. W. N. Diehl, from Bishop Moore; of the Rev. Christian Wiltberger, and the Rev. John Coleman, from Bishop Stone; of the Rev. Wm. S. Perkins, from Bishop Hopkins; of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, and the Rev. Thomas Breintnall, from Bishop B. T. Onderdonk.

In conformity with the 38th Canon of the General Convention, I have *displaced from the ministry* Silas C. Freeman; he having declared to me his renunciation thereof, and his design not to officiate in future in any of its offices. This duty, a painful one, though not proceeding from causes affecting his moral character, I performed yesterday, in the presence of three presbyters of this diocese.

The *leave of absence* given the Rev. Mr. Morton, was extended to fifteen months. The Rev. Mr. Suddards has four months leave of absence from the diocese. The Rev. Mr. Wiltbank has leave of absence for one year. The Rev. R.

Davis received from me leave of absence from July 3d to the opening of this Convention.

The names of Henry B. Page, John R. Jones, and David W. Hulings, have been withdrawn from the list of *Candidates* for holy orders. Thomas E. Paine has been transferred to the diocese of Kentucky; and Kingston Goddard, just before his ordination, was transferred by Bishop White, to the diocese of New York. On the 29th of September I admitted as candidates Richard Newton and Frederick W. Boyd; on the 5th of November, John Hall and Samuel W. Hallowell, late a preacher among the Methodists; on the 14th of February, Tobias H. Michell; on the 9th of May, Thomas B. Flower, (late a Methodist preacher,) Alexander Forbes Dobb, William White Bronson, and Gregory Thurston Bedell.

The whole number of Candidates in this diocese is at present twenty-three. Some of them have, without permission, exceeded the term assigned by the Canon for applying to have their first and second examinations held; and the candidates are hereby notified that the Canon will be enforced in their cases, unless they assign forthwith sufficient cause for the delay.

The Rev. Wm. Hilton has removed from his mission in Alleghany county, to St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley. The Rev. Samuel T. Lord has removed from his mission in Bradford county, and is the missionary at Waterford and Rockville. The Rev. Wm. N. Diehl is an assistant minister in the Swedes Churches, and officiates at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh. The Rev. John W. Hoffman, after officiating for six months at Alleghany and Lawrenceville, is now assisting the Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh. The Rev. Alfred A. Miller is assistant to the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Wm. Hommann has removed from his mission in Lycoming county, and is the missionary at Pottstown and Morlattin. The Rev. James May has resigned the rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, and is the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. John R. Goodman has resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Carlisle. The Rev. Caleb J. Good has accepted a professorship in Washington College, Conn. The Rev. Richard D. Hall has resigned the rectorship of St Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook. The Rev. Wm. S. Perkins is the Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol. The Rev. J.V. E. Thorn has been for a year and a half or more the Rector of Christ Church, Adams County: an ar-

rangement, the notice of which was accidentally omitted in the episcopal addresses of last year. The Rev. John Coleman is the Rector of Trinity Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Benjamin Dorr is the Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia. The Rev. Robert Piggott has resigned his mission at Hamiltonville. The Rev. Marmaduke Hurst no longer has charge of St. John's Church, Concord, but remains the missionary at Rockdale. The Rev. Mr. Breintnall is elected Rector of St. Mary's, Hamiltonville.

The other clerical arrangements and changes will be noticed in the list of the missionaries. It behooves me, however, in this place, to advert again to a topic on which I dwelt last year—the insufficient contributions of our congregations to the maintenance of their pastors. I will not say that my remarks then delivered have had no effect; but so far as has come to my knowledge, I cannot say they have produced much; and that too, when they were much commended, as being both just and reasonable. My brethren of the laity, is it not to be lamented, that neither censure nor persuasion move you to the proper discharge of this christian duty? I speak not to those present personally, but as representing our laity at large; and I beseech you to plead with them, and admonish them that the “labourer” in God's harvest and in God's building “is worthy” of at least as much “hire” as the labourers in their own harvests and their own buildings.

On the evening of the Epiphany, I attended the anniversary, celebrated in Grace Church, in this city, of our Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania; a society which from the time of its organization has had the recorded approbation and confidence of the Convention. It is the organization of our diocesan missionary action; and in that sphere is discharging a duty, the full earthly benefit of which must be computed by future generations, and its everlasting results estimated in the world to come. So useful an institution deserves a much larger patronage than it receives; and I commend it again most earnestly to the pious liberality of the episcopalians of Pennsylvania. At present, on account of the demand of the Western States for clergy, the number of our missionaries is smaller than usual, being only eighteen; but I hope we shall soon fill up again this very useful class of the ministering brethren.

Since the last Convention, the Rev. Bennet Glover has ceased to be a missionary, but remains the Rector of St.



Paul's Church, Erie: and Christ Church, Brownsville, is no longer a missionary station. The Rev. R. A. Henderson was for six months missionary at Pottsville. The Rev. Messrs. Hilton, Marks, Peck, Piggott, and Whitesides, have ceased to be missionaries of the Society. Those now in its service, and their stations are as follows:

The Rev. Wm. Adderly, at Georgetown, and St. Paul's Church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, deacon at Belle Fonte and Philipsburgh, Centre county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh, and missionary at Jerseytown and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, minister of St. John's Church, York, and missionary at Columbia, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, and missionary at Pike Run, Washington county.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, at Rockdale, and parts adjacent, Delaware county.

The Rev. John F. Hoff, deacon, minister of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, and missionary at Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and Thompsettown, Juniata county.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, at Pottstown, Montgomery county, and Morlatten, Berks county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, at Connelville, Fayette county, and Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, at Kittanning, Glade Run, and Freeport, Armstrong county, and Butler, Butler county.

The Rev. George Kirke, at New London  $\times$  Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, (Wyalusing Creek) Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. John Linn McKim, deacon, at Honesdale, and parts adjacent, and Wayne county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, at Muncy and Hughesburgh, Lycoming county, and Milton and parts adjacent, Northumberland county.

Under the Education Committee of the Society, there are five beneficiaries, three of whom are at the General Seminary, and two in Washington College in Connecticut. The candidate for orders who enjoys the Bishop White Scholarship belongs to the General Seminary.

The Female Episcopal Tract Society is an auxiliary of our Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and is prosecuting with much zeal and efficiency its very useful objects.

The Library of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity is kept in the St. James' Church, and is accessible to students in divinity, and to the members.

I again commend to the patronage of the diocese the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, which is still engaged in circulating thousands of copies of our inestimable manual of devotion, and best of tracts, not only in Pennsylvania, but in most of the States and Territories, besides sending it abroad. I commend also to patronage the Prayer Book Society formed and conducted by ladies of our Church, which devotes its chief efforts to this diocese: with great perseverance and zeal they have had prepared a set of stereotype plates of the liturgy in large types, and sold at a very moderate price. The Diocesan Sunday School Society is still occupied in its valuable labours, and deserves the confidence and support of the Episcopalians of Pennsylvania. The Abbeyville Institute, near Lancaster, which I visited last September, is a seminary of learning of great promise, and worthy of the countenance of the public at large, and of our own denomination especially.

A valuable means of providing for the families of the clergy, after their decease, is found in the Corporation for the relief of their Widows and Children; an institution which deserves more general notice than it has for some years received. By the generous donations of two ladies, a fund has been commenced, under the care of this Corporation, for the relief of Clergymen who are rendered unable, by old age or severe and incurable disease, to discharge the duties of their holy calling.

The General Institutions of our Church, the General Theological Seminary, the Board of Missions, and the Sunday School Union, are all prosecuting their departments of the work of the Redeemer with efficiency and good success.

I am requested by the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, to lay before this body, certain proposed alterations in the General Constitution of our Church, and a certain proposed amendment to the Table of moveable Feasts.

In behalf of the Committee on "the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the Churches in this diocese," I submit their Report.

With great pleasure I record my thankful acknowledgment of the contributions added to my salary, by the Churches in Philadelphia, to enable me to continue my residence in this city, which I found was too expensive to be met by all my resources. And to our friends throughout the diocese, I again offer my grateful feelings for the uniform kindness and hospitality with which I am every where received and entertained. Brethren—

In the position I have occupied since the decease of Bishop White, as the diocesan of this portion of the flock of Christ, I have found little other business than had already devolved on me, in a gradual manner, through his annually increasing infirmities. But in having the entire and sole responsibility of the station, I feel that I need more than ever your prayers, your confidence, and your friendly co-operation. Let me assure you, that you have my sincere and affectionate prayers, for your welfare and salvation individually, and for your guidance and direction as the representative council of this branch of the Church.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1837.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Samuel Bowman, for the able, judicious and appropriate Discourse delivered this morning, before this body.

A communication from the committee for Domestic Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and another from the Secretary of a meeting of the Episcopal Clergy of the city and vicinity of New York, addressed to this body, both relating to the death of Bishop White, were read by the Secretary.

The articles of Association of the Church of the Ascension, in the city of Philadelphia were presented; when it was moved that they be referred to the committee on Charters: which motion passed.



On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund: provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The minutes of the Standing Committee were laid on the table by their Secretary, with the accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention fund and of the Episcopal fund, and a statement by the Standing Committee of the Churches in arrears to the Convention; which accounts and statement were referred to the committee on milage.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the Churches in this Diocese, presented a report, which on motion, was read.

The Secretary then read the following official list of the candidates for orders in this diocese.

*List of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 16th, 1837.*

John B. Foster—since April 3, 1832.

William M'Dougall—since November 19, 1833.

James C. Hulme—since April 23, 1834.

Oliver A. Shaw—since July 7, 1834.

Edwin Wilson Wiltbank—since July 7, 1834.

Alfred Louderback—since October 2, 1834.

Richard F. Burnham—since October 2, 1834.

Nathaniel S. Harris—since November 3, 1834.

William White—since November 3, 1834.

George W. Natt—since January 3, 1835.

Edmund Neville—since March 20, 1835.

Charles Breck—since September 21, 1835.

William H. Odenheimer—since September 21, 1835.

Joseph Adderly—since October 9, 1835.

Richard Newton—since September 29, 1836.

Frederick W. Boyd—since September 29, 1836.

John Hall—since November 5, 1836.

Samuel W. Hallowell—since November 5, 1836.

Tobias Harper Michell—since February 14, 1837.

Thomas B. Flower—since May 9, 1837.

Alexander F. Dobb—since May 9, 1837.

William White Bronson—since May 9, 1837.

Gregory Thurston Bedell—since May 9, 1837.

Total, - - - 23.

The Secretary read a communication to him from the Secretary of the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Clergymen of our communion, which, on motion, was ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8, 1837.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I am instructed by the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to give notice to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, at the present Convention, of the several methods by which the Corporation is designed, and is desirous, to extend relief to the clergy and their families; and also of its powers recently obtained from the Legislature of the State, to receive donations, and execute trusts in behalf of aged and infirm Clergymen.

I know of no more effectual mode of giving such notice, than by requesting this letter to be read before the Convention, and inserted on the Journal, that the following information, may thus be spread before the Church in this Diocese.

*First Mode of Relief.\**

If individual Clergymen, (or their vestries, in their behalf) subscribe and pay to the Corporation, annually, the sum of eight, sixteen, or twenty-four dollars, their families, after fifteen years subscription, will be entitled at their death, to receive *five times* the amount of the annual subscription, viz. forty, eighty, or one hundred and twenty dollars, according to the amount subscribed.

Their families will also be entitled to any additional sum, which the Corporation may be able annually to appropriate out of its surplus annual income.

There is at present but *one* annuitant on the fund, who receives by an annual vote, *five hundred* per cent. on the regular annuity, or, in other words, the deceased Clergyman having been during his life, a subscriber at sixteen dollars per annum, his family since his death, have received not only the eighty dollars annuity, but, by an annual vote of the Corporation, the additional sum of three hundred and twenty dollars, making in all, four hundred dollars.

The whole number of subscribers at the present time is only nine.

\* This mode of relief is restricted to Clergymen who belonged to the Diocese prior to May 1835, when the charter was altered.

*Second Mode of Relief.*

The Corporation also seeks to extend relief to the Clergy and their families, in other modes:

First. It grants annuities on the ordinary principles of Life Insurance Companies.

Second. It also grants endowments to the widows and children of Clergymen.

Third. It receives from Clergymen, or others in their behalf, money on deposit for accumulation at compound interest.

Fourth. It allows vestries of Churches in connexion with the Convention, to make deposits of money for the Clergy of their respective Churches, either for annuities, endowments, or accumulation.

*Third Mode of Relief.*

The Corporation has likewise recently been empowered by the Legislature to receive donations, by will or otherwise, for the benefit of Clergymen of the Church, and to execute trusts in their behalf.

By a liberal donation of two thousand dollars from the Misses Yeates, of Lancaster, a fund for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, has already been commenced, and entrusted to the care of the Corporation.

The property of the Corporation, amounts to about Fifty-seven thousand dollars, invested in Bonds and Mortgages, and in City and State Loans.

Applications for information respecting the Corporation, and for copies of the charter, or to become subscribers, may be made to the officers of the Corporation, viz:

CORNELIUS STVENSON, Actuary,  
No. 296 Walnut Street.

HORACE BINNEY, Jr., Treasurer,  
No. 83, South Fourth Street.

WILLIAM H. DELANCEY, Secretary,  
No. 50 Pine Street, Philadelphia.

The above information is imparted in the belief that the advantages which the Corporation holds out to the Clergy, and the modes of relief by which they or the Laity in their behalf, may secure aid to their widows and children, upon their decease, are such as ought to obtain from them immediate attention to the subject.

I remain very respectfully, Yours, &c.

WILLIAM H. DELANCEY,  
Secretary of the Corporation.

REV. DR. DUCACHET,

Secretary of the Diocesan Convention.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, resolved, that the foregoing document be referred to a committee; whereupon, the following gentlemen were appointed: Rev. James May, Rev. C. F. Crusé, Mr. Coxe, Mr. Hobart and Mr. Williamson.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 17th, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the roll was called.

The following lay deputies, presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats:—Samuel Coxe, Frederick Landis.

Mr. Charles V. Hagner, a lay deputy, not previously present, appeared and took his seat.

The committee on unfinished business made the following report:

That after a careful examination of the Journal of the last Convention, they find but two objects that require the action of the present Convention. One, a Resolution appointing a committee on the subject of parochial registers, and the passage of a Law on that subject, of which committee, the Rev. Dr. Upfold is chairman, and the other matter is a resolution on the Canonical existence of Churches, &c., referred to a committee, of which Bishop Onderdonk is the chairman.

JOHN RODNEY, Jr.,

J. M. ROGERS,

J. REYNOLDS.

The committee on charters, made the following report:

1. That they find the proposed charter of Emmanuel Church, Kensington, to be in conformity to the Constitution and Canons, and so presented by the Standing Committee. It is accordingly reported as a Church duly qualified for admission into the Union.

2. That in the charter of the Church of the Ascension, there are some features, adverted to in the report of the Standing Committee, novel in their character, and seeming to require further consideration. The committee for this purpose, has postponed its final action on the said charter.

R. U. MORGAN, Chairman.

Whereupon it was resolved, that Emmanuel Church, Kensington, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The articles of Association of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, were presented, and were referred to the Committee on charters.

The following report was presented by the committee to

whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention and Episcopal funds, and the statement of arrearages; which on motion was accepted.

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds, with a statement of arrears due to the latter, respectfully report:

That they recommend that the accounts of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds, be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Convention, and be published as usual in the Journal.

That the statement of arrears be laid on the table, and that the Treasurer be authorized to compromise or remit the arrears and finally to close the accounts remaining open on his books, before the meeting of the next Convention.

The last regulation in regard to collections for the fund, appears to have produced a better result than the old plan, and the committee beg leave to recommend its continuance. All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee:

TOBIAS WAGNER, Chairman.

On motion carried, the Secretary was authorized to have said accounts printed in the Journal.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the convention be authorized to compromise or remit, as the case may require, the arrearages due the Convention fund, provided they cannot be paid in full.

It was moved and carried, that the vacancies created in the board of trustees of the General Seminary, by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Mead, and the decease of the Rev. Mr. James, be now filled. Whereupon the Rev. Levi Bull and Benjamin Stiles were elected Trustees.

The Rev. Mr. Stem moved that the next annual Convention be held at Harrisburg. The Rev. Dr. Upfold moved to amend said motion, by inserting Pittsburgh, in place of Harrisburg. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Sheets moved the postponement of the proposition and the amendment, with a view to proposing St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, as the place of meeting. Dr. De Lancey then moved that the whole subject be postponed, and made the order of the day for Thursday at 12 o'clock.

The Convention then adjourned.

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THURSDAY, May 18th, 1837, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. C. F. Crusé.

The roll was called.



The following Clergy not present yesterday, answered to their names, and took their seats: Rev. C. F. Crusé, Rev. G. W. Ridgley.

The following Lay Deputies, not present yesterday, answered to their names, and took their seats: Levi B. Smith, Henry Buckwalter.

Mr. George Breck, a Lay Deputy, presented the certificate of his appointment and took his seat.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The names of the Clergy were then called agreeably to the resolution of the Convention of 1835, to inquire whether collections had been made in their respective Churches for the Convention fund: when it appeared that collections were made by the following: Rev. Messrs Adderly, F. W. Beasely, Bowman, Boyd, Buchanan, Bull, Crumpton, DeLancey, Drake, Ducachet, Lyman N. Freeman, Hilton, John J. Kerr, Lord, McKim, May, Killikelly, Kirke, Mintzer, Morgan, Morton, Rees, Reynolds, Rodney, Rogers, Sheets, Isaac Smith, Stem, Suddards, Thorn, Tyng, Upfold, Coleman, Breintnall, Hirst, Clark.

The following Clergymen did not make the enjoined collection: Rev. Messrs. Bryant, Douglass, Frederick Freeman, Hommann, Hoff.

And the following did not answer to their names: Rev. Messrs. Glover, Henderson, Lane, Ridgely, Clemson, Cushman, Dorr, Franklin, Lacey, Perkins, and Wiltberger.

The committee on charters made the following additional Report:

1. That they have examined the Articles of the Association of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook Township, Chester county, and find them in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, and that they have been submitted to the Bishop and standing committee and by them approved.

2. The Articles of Association of the church of the Ascension, in the city of Philadelphia, they do not find in strict conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons, but having been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them approved, on the condition "that such approval shall not be a precedent for sanctioning any similar Association for the future;" in which your committee concur.

The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, and the Church of the Ascension, are admitted as members of this Convention.

R. U. MORGAN, Chairman.

Whereupon it was Resolved, That St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county, be admitted into this Convention.

The hour of 12 having arrived, a motion was made to postpone for the present the order of the day; which was carried.

Moved that the Church of the Ascension be admitted into union with this Convention. The vote upon the same being called for by yeas and nays, and by Churches, was so taken, when the question was decided as follows:

#### CLERGY.

YEAS.—Bishop Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Adderly, Bowman, Bryant, Buchanan, Bull, Clark, Crumpton, Crusé, Davis, De Lancey, Douglass, Drake, L. N. Freeman, Hilton, Kerr, M. Kim, May, Mintzer, Morgan, Sheets, Isaac Smith, Thorn, Varian,—24.

NAYS.—The Rev. Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Ducachet, Frederick Freeman, Hommann, Lord, Rees, Ridgely, Rodney, Stem, Upfold,—11.

#### CHURCHES.

YEAS.—St. David's Church, Manayunk; St. Luke's, Germantown; Trinity Church, Southwark; Grace Church, Philadelphia; Epiphany, Philadelphia; St. Andrew's, Philadelphia; St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia; St. Peter's, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Philadelphia; St. James' Church, Philadelphia; St. James' Church, Lancaster; Calvary Church, Rockdale; St. John's Church, Concord; St. John's Church, Carlisle; St. John's, Pequea; St. Andrew's, Yardleyville; St. Paul's, Philadelphia; Christ Church, Reading, St. James', Bristol; St. Luke's, Pottsville; St. Mary's, West Philadelphia; St. Thomas', Morgantown; All Saints', Philadelphia,—23.

NAYS.—St. John's, N. L.; St. Mark's, Lewistown; St. Mary's, Chester county; St. Paul's, West Whiteland; St. Andrew's, West Vincent; St. John's, New London; St. Peter's, Butler; Bangor church, Churchtown,—8.

DIVIDED.—St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; Christ church, Pottstown,—2.

So the question was decided in the affirmative; and the church of the Ascension in the city of Philadelphia was received accordingly.

The order of the day was then taken up and acted upon. After debate, it was Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The committee appointed to express the feelings of this



house in relation to the death of Bishop White, presented the following report:

The committee to whom it was referred to draft and report a preamble and resolutions expressive of the views and feelings of this convention, in relation to our late beloved Diocesan, submit the following for the consideration of the convention :

Whereas, since the last meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, and in the United States, has been deprived by death, of the counsels and care of the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D., its first Bishop, and the Senior Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States; which lamented event occurred at Philadelphia, on the 17th of July, 1836, in the 89th year of his age.

Therefore Resolved Unanimously, That this Convention, in bending submissively to this divine visitation, do cherish a grateful recollection of the many christian virtues of their late beloved diocesan, his meek wisdom, his gentle spirit, his patient energy, his unblemished life and conversation, and his unostentatious piety, manifested so consistently in his private and in his public duties, as a man, a patriot, a christian, a pastor, a Bishop, diffusing over his life the fragrance of holiness, and verifying the reality of christian faith, and the energy of that divine grace which early formed him after the image of his divine master, tranquilized his final moments with the assurances and hopes of the Gospel of the Son of God, and enabled him to present, throughout an Episcopate of nearly fifty years, a beautiful example of prudence and moderation in government, and of faithful diligence in instruction, combined with wisdom and learning in guarding and defending the sacred interests of the christian fold, and with gentleness and skill in guiding her amidst her earliest perils, and her latest toils.

Resolved, That this Diocese in common with the Church at large, has reason for devout gratitude to God for the rare combination of christian graces in the character of our late Rt. Rev. Father, which, proportioned in number and strength, only to his extraordinary age, commanded universal regard and love within and without our fold; and has left the traces of wisdom, moderation and sober piety, when the various institutions, which in periods of peculiar delicacy and difficulty, were subjected to his moulding influences in conjunction with those distinguished clergymen and laymen, who amidst the storms of religious and political prejudice, so organized and

guided the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country, that under the divine blessing she is now an object of fervid attachment to her own children, and commands the respect and admiration of others.

Resolved, That the Convention with feelings of deep sensibility, record this expression of their regard for their late Diocesan in the various relations in which he stood to them, as a President, dignified, gentle, and courteous, as a Counselor, wise, cautious, and consistent, as a Preacher, sincere, honest and instructive, and as a Bishop, learned, prudent, and faithful, always "so merciful as not to be too remiss, and so ministering discipline as not to forget mercy," reflecting honor on our communion by his theological labors, his official productions, his elevated christian character, and his pure and spotless life.

Resolved, That this expression of affectionate attachment to the memory, and veneration for the character of our late Diocesan, be entered on the Journal of the Convention, and that an attested copy of the same, be transmitted to his family in testimony of the sincere condolence of the Church in this Diocese with them, under *their* and *our* bereavement.

Wm. H. DE LANCEY,  
LEVI BULL,  
GEORGE UPFOLD,  
C. W. MEREDITH,  
JAMES S. SMITH,  
THOMAS ROBINSON.

Whereupon the said preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Secretary,

Resolved, That the clergy of the city of Philadelphia, now members of this house, and the lay delegates representing the churches of the same, be a committee to provide accommodations for all the members of the next convention, if possible; and that they be called upon, on the 2d day of the session, to report whether they have discharged that duty.

On motion, the Articles of Association of Grace Church, Hulmeville, were referred to the committee on charters.

Resolved, That the convention go into an election of officers this afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Convention adjourned.

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THURSDAY, May 18th, 1837, 5 o'clock, P. M.  
Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called, the Bishop having taken the chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The committee on charters presented a report in favour of Grace Church, Hulmeville, and it was admitted accordingly.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan by which the *Sunday School, Tract, Missionary*, and other benevolent operations of the Diocese, shall be placed under the control of this convention; and made to sustain a relation thereto similar to that which the Board of Missions sustains to the General Convention. And in case it should be found expedient, in the estimation of the committee, that they be instructed to report a plan to that effect.

The resolution was agreed to.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed said committee: Rev. Mr. Ridgley, Rev. Dr. De Lancey, J. S. Smith, Col. Robinson, and G. M. Wharton.

Mr. Coxe being absent on business, Mr. G. M. Wharton was substituted in his place on the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Secretary of the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen of our communion. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

The committee to whom this document was offered, report a resolution that the said document be printed, and a copy be sent to the vestry of each church in the diocese, with a recommendation of the subject to their special attention.

JAMES MAY,  
ROBERT E. HOBART,  
PETER WILLIAMSON,  
G. M. WHARTON.

Mr. Wagner moved that \$260 be appropriated to the payment of the mileage of the clergy: which was unanimously passed.

On motion of the Secretary, Resolved, That 500 copies of the Journal be printed.

Mr. Meredith moved the following addition to the report of the committee on the Communication from the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen, viz: that there be appended to it, such explanatory statements as the corporation may think proper to furnish.

The election was then entered into—The Rev. Mr. Sheets, and Rev. Mr. Ridgley were appointed tellers on the part of the

clergy; and Messrs. Robinson and R. S. Smith on the part of the laity.

The tellers reported the result of the election to be as follows:

Standing Committee.

*Clergy.*

Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,  
Dr. De Lancey,  
Mr. Boyd,  
Dr. Ducachet,  
Mr. May,

*Laity.*

Mr. James S. Smith,  
Tobias Wagner,  
John Andrews,  
Philip H. Nicklin,  
George M. Wharton.

Deputies to the General Convention.

*Clergy.*

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Bull,  
Dr. Upfold,

*Laity.*

Mr. William Meredith,  
Horace Binney,  
Edward J. Stiles,  
James S. Smith.

Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

*Clergy.*

Rev. Mr. Rodney,  
Mr. Sheets,  
Mr. Suddards,

*Laity.*

Mr. Samuel Hazlehurst,  
Mr. Lewis Ashhurst,  
Dr. W. D. Brinckle,

Treasurer of Convention.

Mr. Tobias Wagner.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. Philip H. Nicklin.

The vote being now taken on the resolution offered by Mr. Meredith respecting an addition to the report of the committee on the communication from the Corporation for the relief of Widows, &c., the proposition was agreed to.

The report presented by the committee appointed to determine the rule for ascertaining the canonical existence of the Churches in this Diocese, was called up, and adopted as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred "the subject of determining the rule to be observed in ascertaining the canonical existence of the churches in this diocese," respectfully report:—

That in their opinion a church should be held to have lost its canonical existence, and consequently its rights as a member of the diocese, when it has ceased to fulfil the spiritual purposes for which it was formed; the cessation having continued for a period to be defined by the Convention. But as



such a church may still continue to have legal existence, it should be allowed to resume its canonical standing, when the Convention is satisfied that its spiritual action has revived and is re-established. The committee propose therefore, that the following paragraph be added to Article IV. of the Constitution.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But any such church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, accompanied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

The committee further propose that the following section be added to Canon IX.

Section VI. The standing committee shall, before the meeting of each annual Convention, prepare a report, to be submitted thereto, of every church, a member of this Convention, which, for three years, has made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and which, during the same period, has neither employed a clergyman as its parish minister nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary.

If the measure reported be approved of, the committee propose the adoption of the following resolutions.

By the present Convention:

Resolved, That the foregoing alteration be approved of, and that a copy of this proposed alteration of the Constitution, approved of by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every church which has been admitted a member.

By the Convention of 1838:

Resolved, That a copy of this alteration of the Constitution, now finally approved of and adopted by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every church which has been admitted a member.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. U. ONDERDONK, Chairman.

Philadelphia, March 28th, 1837.

The parochial reports, which were read at different periods during the sittings of the Convention, are here inserted.

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## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1837.

Report of the Rev. William Adderly, Missionary, Rector of Georgetown and St. Paul's Churches, Beaver County.

### *Georgetown Church.*

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 9; total 11; Congregation, families 23; Communicants, added 4; died or removed 6; present number 36; Public services, on Sundays 39; other days 9; total 48; Confirmed 10; Marriages, 6; Burials 3; Bible Class, 1; Members, 10; Sunday School, 1; male teachers, 3; pupils, 17; female teachers, 5; pupils, 30; total, teachers, 8; scholars, 47; collections for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$5,25; Missionary and other purposes, \$12,19; total \$17,44.

### *St. Paul's Church.*

Baptisms, infants, 8; Congregation, families, 22; Communicants, added, 6; died or removed, 3; present number, 32; Public Services, on Sundays, 36; Confirmed, 16; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 2; pupils, 14; female teachers, 2; pupils, 10; total, teachers, 4; pupils, 24—The collection mentioned in the report of Georgetown, was partly raised by this congregation.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to add, that there is a manifest improvement in the spiritual condition of this congregation. The attendance on the services, though irregular, owing to the distance at which most of the members live from the church, is large, and composed in a great measure of the members of different denominations, who unite with us in the worship of Almighty God. Much remains yet to be done, and while we cannot but behold with pain many living in the neglect of the great salvation—we have great reason to rejoice in witnessing among the members, a greater interest in the things of religion, and a growing attachment to the usages of our church.

It is much to be regretted that the Sunday schools are not in a more flourishing condition, as much good might be effected by Sunday school instruction, but owing to the disadvantages we labour under, little can be done at present.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, City Missionary.

As required by the canon of the General Convention of 1835, I present the following report of my movements.

I am still acting in the capacity of a city missionary. I continue my efforts among the sick and afflicted, and in the promotion of various benevolent objects.

Since the 18th of last May, I have officiated in the service of the church alone on 15 occasions. I have administered, or assisted in the ministration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 11 occasions. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 207 occasions. I have administered baptism to 44 persons. I have married 39 couple. I have officiated on 105 funeral occasions. My pastoral visits have been 1529, 1448 of them to the sick and afflicted.

I have distributed copies of the bible, and of the new testament, also of the prayer book.

During the year ending March 11th, I distributed 34,888 pages of Tracts. This, however, does not give a full view of the tract operation, as it is my practice to leave tracts as a loan to be exchanged on the repetition of my visit, thus the same tract may pass to a number of families before I finally lose sight of it.

I continue my weekly appointment at the Magdalen, and my monthly at the widow's asylum.

May the Lord bless these imperfect labors to his glory and the good of immortal souls, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of all Saint's Church, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 32; total, 39. Communicants, added, 15; died or removed, 7. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Bible Class, 1. Sunday Schools, 2. Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$9 50; missionary and other purposes, \$78 71; total, \$88 21.

Since our last report, the Church has suffered much by the removal of some families from the neighbourhood. The prospects of the Church are, however, encouraging. Circumstances have transpired, even since the date of this report, calculated to animate our hopes. During the year the spiritual interests of the Church have been gradually improving.

For more than four months, a Bible class was assembled weekly, at the Chapel in Holmesburg.

On Sunday, the service for the morning is held in All Saint's



Church. In the afternoon, at the Chapel. There have been a number of public services at other times in the Parish.

Improvements have been made in the interior of both Churches.

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Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

I wish it was in my power to give a more favorable account of the state of this parish, than truth will permit me to do. Its temporal affairs still remain in an exceedingly embarrassing condition; and I am afraid they still continue to exert an unfavourable influence upon the spiritual interests of the Church, and upon the cause of religion, round about us. I mentioned in my last report, that the Contribution Society, which had previously existed, for the purpose of raising funds for the payment of the debts due upon the Church building, had been dissolved, and that the whole subject which it had in charge, had been devolved upon the vestry. Since that time, owing to different causes, the vestry have done little more than kindly to entertain the subject, and to make preliminary preparations, for their future action. A new impulse has been given, by the voluntary offer of several of the female members of the Church, to undertake the labour of making the collections for the above object, and it is earnestly hoped that the divine blessing will rest upon their labours. The feeling seems to be extending itself throughout the Church, that its first duty is to relieve itself from debt, and I hope we shall not be thought to have lost any interest in the missionary work, or other Church enterprises, if for the time to come, our chief contributions are appropriated to that object, until it is accomplished.

Baptisms, adults, 4; Infants, 19, total, 23. Communicants, added, 12; Died or removed, 5; present number, 236; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days 2; total, 4. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 19. Children Catechized, 250. Times, weekly. Sunday Schools, male 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 90; female, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 240; total, schools, 4; teachers, 27; pupils, 351. Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$10; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$75.

Many of the female members of the Church, deserve all praise, for their indefatigable endeavours to do good in different ways. Some of them up to their utmost ability, and beyond their ability.

The Sunday Schools are in an interesting condition. The

teachers, both male and female, are attentive, patient, and persevering.

“The Unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace,” still prevails in every department of the parish; and so far as we are justified to hope for the future from a recollection of the past, there is nothing to induce fear for its continuance.

Two young brethren from the parish, have during the past year, been candidates for the ministry, and are prosecuting their studies in the General Theological Seminary. One brother is entering upon the third year of his candidateship, and of his duties, residing in the city, and three others are acquiring such preparatory Academical learning, as will fit them to enter advantageously upon a course of Theological study.

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Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Baptisms, 15, all infants. Communicants, 69. Congregation, families, 64. Marriages, 6. Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 5; total, 109. Sunday Schools, 1 male, 6 teachers, 30, pupils; 1 female, 11 teachers, 55 pupils; 1 infant school, 1 teacher, 45 pupils. Total, 3 schools, 18 teachers, 130 pupils. Children Catechized, 12 times. Burials, 11. Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$42 67. Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$32 67; Convention fund, \$15 16; missionary and other purposes, \$482. Total, \$572 50.

Of the last named sum, \$290, were contributed by the Female Missionary Society of St. James' Church, and \$50 by a juvenile female Missionary Society, attached to the same Church. The system of monthly offerings, for missionary purposes, (embracing diocesan, as well as more distant missions) has been recently introduced into the Congregation. Thus far, appearances are promising. But the effort is as yet too new, to speak confidently of the final success of it.

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Report of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches.

In compliance with a Canon of the last General Convention, I beg leave to report to the Bishop, that I am still engaged as Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches. Every Sunday in the month, except the 3d and 5th, when there are so many, my engagements are at St. James' Church, Kingsessing. On the Sundays excepted, I preach at Gloria Dei, in this city. I have afternoon appointments, which are

well attended, in the neighborhood of my immediate charge. A more particular statement of my labours, as these Churches are not in connexion with the Episcopal Church, I suppose will not be expected from me at this time.

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Report of the Rev. William Bryant, Missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, Rector of All Saint's Church, in Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants, 48; total, 48. Congregation, families not known. Communicants, added, 9; Present number, 41.—Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, about 28; total, 132. Confirmed, 9. Children Catechized, 50; times 10. Bible classes, 1; members, 5; Sunday Schools, male teachers 7; pupils, 60; female teachers, 8, pupils, 40; total teachers, 15; pupils, 100. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$32; missionary and other purposes, \$6; total, \$38.

The money paid into the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, was by the Juvenile Missionary Society of this Church, auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The usefulness of our small establishment, is unequivocal; the greatest difficulty we labour under is, that we are poor altogether.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster Co.

*St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester County.*

Baptisms, infants 6; total, 6. Congregation, families, 48. Communicants, died or removed, 3; present number 43. Public Services, on Sundays, 27; other days, 4; total 31. Marriages, 1; burials, 2; children catechized, 20; times, 6; bible classes, 1; members, 12; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 48. Collections, Episcopal fund, \$5 20; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$6; General Theological Seminary, \$80; Missionary and other purposes \$26 00½; total, \$117 20½.

The congregation of this Church, still continues to be large and attentive.

*Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 14; total, 15. Families, 40. Communicants, added, 7; died, 2; present number, 30. Public Services, on Sundays, 30; other days, 1; total, 31. Marriages, 1; Burials, 3; children catechized, 12. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 40. Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$4; Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$4; missionary and

other purposes, \$16 56; General Theological Seminary, \$70; total, \$94 56.

The attendance here, as in St. John's, is good, and the spiritual affairs of the Church are encouraging.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants, about 100. Marriages, 6. Funerals, not known.

Of St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county—Communicants, about 50. Funerals, not ascertained.

Of Bangor Church, Lancaster county, Communicants, about 45. Baptisms, 4, 1 of which was an adult.

We have attached to each of these Churches, a Sunday School, in a tolerably flourishing state. Collections have been made in all these Churches for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for the Episcopal Fund, and for the Convention Fund, except as to the last in St. Mary's, in consequence of unfavourable weather. A missionary society is attached to each of my parishes, which has contributed to the object for which they have been constituted, their mite.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 25; infants, 30; total, 55; Congregation, families, 300; Communicants, added, 94; died or removed, 30; present number, 450; Public services, on Sundays, 104, on other days, 171; total 275; Confirmed, 76; Marriages, 8; Burials, 24; Bible class, 5; members, 130; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 220; female, 5; teachers, 42; pupils, 440; total, schools, 8; teachers, 63; pupils, 660; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$50; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$147; Missionary and other purposes, \$3,086; total \$3,280.

As the Journals of the Convention of the several dioceses of this Union will constitute the materials from which will be gathered in a future age, the history of the church in this country, there is an evident propriety in recording facts that tend to show the spiritual condition of our parishes. In the view of the writer, the prosperity of the church in mere externals, is a matter of very small moment, compared with its spiritual interest, to build up which all the external scaffolding is reared.

It is with gratitude and thankfulness to the giver of all spiritual grace, that the rector of this church records, that the dews of Heaven have fallen during the last year, most



graciously upon this portion of the Lord's vineyard. The daily services during the season of Lent, were peculiarly blessed. We have had, as appears from the above statistics, large accessions to the body of our communicants, and those of a very interesting character.

The benevolent operations of the day which are doing so much to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom over the earth, continue to be regarded among us with great and increasing interest.

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Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of the Swedish Churches in and near to Philadelphia.

*Gloria Dei Church, Southwark.*

Baptisms, 44; Communicants, about 40; Marriages, 41; Funerals, 14; Confirmed, 12; Communicants, added, 10.

The church is open twice on the Lord's day and also on Tuesday evening. The congregations are generally good, and in a state of increase and improvement. Connected with the church are a male and female Sunday school, and also an infant school, numbering in the whole about 20 teachers, and 150 scholars. The other Swedish Churches are St. James', Kingsessing, and Christ church, Upper Merion; the Rev. S. C. Brinckle officiating as assistant minister at the first, and the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl as assistant at the other. These churches are open on the morning of every Lord's day, the rector officiating once a month at each.

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Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

This church was consecrated September 27th, 1836, and divine service was first celebrated on the succeeding Sunday. Since that, our career as a congregation has been one of growing interest and rapid improvement. We have been prospered both temporally and spiritually, beyond our strongest expectations; and the Lord has made us the recipients of his richest blessings. A continuance of like prosperity, would soon number us as one of the most important parishes which our Zion has in this city.

There has been a collection made in behalf of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, the only one for an object beyond our church; its infantile state requiring all our contributions.

There have been, Baptisms, adults, 16; infants, 55; Marriages, 20; Burials, 17; Confirmed, 43; Communicants, added, 50; deceased, 1; whole number, 69.



Our Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition, and numbers 30 teachers and 296 children, including an infant school of 55 pupils.

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Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The present rector assumed the charge of this parish on the 15th October, 1836; previous to which time, since the last report, he finds by the parochial register, that there had been, Baptisms, Infants, 7; Marriages, 4; Burials, 6.

The rector respectfully presents the following statement of his ministerial acts, and the present condition of the Parish:—Baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 35; total, 45; Congregation, families, 194; adults, 579; children, 370; total, 949; Communicants, actual number, so far as ascertained by him on taking charge, 142; added, 47; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 184; Public services, since 15th October, 1836, (a period of 31 weeks,) on Sundays, 63; other days, 49; total, 112; Confirmed, in Trinity Church, 18; in St. Andrew's, 3; Gloria Dei, 1; total, 22; Marriages, 9; Burials, 11; Children catechised, 200; times, 7; Bible class, 1; members, 63; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 188; female, 3; teachers, 31; pupils, 286; total, schools, 5; teachers, 44; pupils, 474; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$50; Convention fund, \$30; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$50; Female Prayer Book Society, \$35; General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$20; Missionary and other purposes, \$267.85; of which \$50 were contributed by the Juvenile Missionary Mite Society attached to the Female Sunday Schools;—total, \$452.85.

The rector has preached elsewhere, 24 times, and officiated at 9 funerals without the parish.

Considerable additions have been made to the parish library during the past year, until it now numbers 336 volumes; many of them valuable standard works in theology, ecclesiastical polity, and various departments of christian literature. It is accessible to all the members of the congregation, and it is pleasing to observe its advantages so generally appreciated.

The rector is gratified in reporting that the Sunday schools are flourishing.—The number of scholars has considerably increased, and is quite equal to our present accommodations. The teachers deserve great commendation for their fidelity and zeal. The system of instruction pursued is essentially that recommended in the recent excellent Circular of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, and its benefits are very apparent; the

children are not only trained up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord," but judiciously instructed in the distinctive principles and usages of our holy apostolic church. A foundation and safeguard are thus secured for enlightened and well-informed piety. The children exhibit a pleasing interest in the liturgical services of the school and church, and the hearts of their teachers have been gladdened at beholding many of them presenting themselves for confirmation, meeting with them around the same table of the Lord, and devoting themselves to the delightful work of teaching to others the precious truths which they first imbibed in the Sunday school. There are valuable libraries attached to our various schools, containing 751 volumes, among which are all the publications of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

The ladies of the congregation have recently formed a Dorcas Society, which during the past year extended considerable aid to the poor and destitute.

The Bible class, taught by the rector, is composed of ladies who meet in the lecture room every Friday evening, and it is gratifying to observe the interest they manifest in studying those scriptures which "are able to make them wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Our Wednesday evening services are all held in the church, and the attendance is very encouraging.

The temporal interests of the parish are ably managed by a zealous and prudent vestry, and are more flourishing than at any former period. A valuable lot adjoining our present property has been lately purchased, and the vestry contemplate erecting a new brick school house, painting and repairing the church, and other desirable improvements.

In reviewing his labours, the rector finds great cause for thankfulness. The congregation has rapidly increased; the word preached is heard with solemn and devout attention; and through the Divine blessing, it has proved to many the "savour of life unto life." "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." While he feels deeply grateful for the encouraging tokens of the past, he would pray to be made more diligent and faithful for the future; that at last both he and the dear people committed to his charge, may receive the crown of life, which fadeth not away.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church,  
Meadville, Crawford county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 8; total, 10; Congregation, families, 40; adults, 88; children, 56; total, 144; Communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 8; present number, 62; Public services, on Sundays, 74; other days, 20; total, 94; Marriages, 4; Burials, 1; children chatechized, times, 8, Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 6; pupils, 33; female teachers, 13; pupils, 39; total, schools, 1; teachers, 19; pupils, 72; collections, convention fund, \$11,32; Missionary and other purposes, \$607; total, \$618,32.

During a great part of the year, the rector was obliged by ill health to suspend the Sunday afternoon service, and all his services on week days. This has no doubt operated to the disadvantage of the congregation. But we have reason to be thankful to God that he has not left us without some tokens of his favour. It is believed, that though we have decreased in numbers, from removal of our members to other parts of the country, we have increased in spirituality and christian consistency.

The money collected during the past year with the exception of the collection for convention, has been appropriated to the building of a Sunday school and lecture room, which we hope to have completed the ensuing summer.

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Report of the Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, Missionary, in Centre County.

Baptisms, Infants, 3; Communicants, 5; Marriages, 2; families, 18; Sunday Schools, 1.

A Church is erecting in Belle Fonte. At Phillipsburgh, the aspect of affairs, is less encouraging than formerly.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the last Convention, I have occasionally performed divine service, and occasionally preached. I have baptized three persons, one adult, and two children, and officiated at one funeral. It would afford me sincere pleasure, to report myself ready to resume the usual labours of the parish minister or missionary, had I the physical ability to sustain them.

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Report of the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 35; total, 40. Communicants,

added, 35; died or removed, 13; present number, 180. Public Services, on Sundays, 106; other days, 70; total 176; Confirmed, 26; Marriages, 12; Burials, 26; Children catechized, 150; times, 5; Bible class, 1; Members, 150; Schools, male, 1; Teachers, 14; pupils, 115; female, 2; teachers 31; pupils, 260; female adult school, 6 teachers, 50 scholars; 1 day school, 1 teacher, 50 scholars; Total schools 5; teachers 52; pupils 475; Collections and contributions, Episcopal Fund, \$200 Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$5 60; missionary and other Church objects, 971; Convention Fund, 94; total, \$1825.

The assistant Minister of St. Peter's Church, returned to his flock, and resumed his duties on the 30th May, 1836, having been absent in pursuit of health, by the kind indulgence of the rector and vestry, and the written permission of the Bishop, for about thirteen months. He reports with heartfelt gratitude, the steadiness and undiminished prosperity of his flock, during his absence; and the valuable aid extended to them by the Bishop, and so many of his clerical brethren.—The sorrowful bereavement which the Church has experienced in the death of Bishop White, deprived the Parish of the able, pious, and faithful Christian pastor, who for nearly sixty years, had exercised his ministry in the meekness and wisdom of the Gospel with universal regard and love. This event occurred on the 17th July, 1836, at which time, the present Rector, in virtue of his original appointment, succeeded to the Rectorship. The general condition of the parish is prosperous, both in its temporal and in its spiritual concerns. At the beginning of this year, (1837) the plan of making quarterly collections for Church objects, as a substitute for Parochial Societies and Associations, was commenced. The first two collections, yielding more than \$540 each, are, it is hoped, an earnest of the success and profitableness of the schemes. The Parochial Day School, which was commenced in 1834, continues to be prosperous and useful; it has fifty scholars.

The Rector reports also, that he has statedly visited and lectured at Christ Church Hospital, which is under the conjoint pastoral care of the Rectors of Christ Church, and St. Peter's. The institution has more than 37 inmates.

By the liberality of his vestry, the Rector has been enabled to enjoy, since 10th November last, the valuable and acceptable services of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, in the discharge of his parochial duties.



Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Assistant Minister of Christ Church,  
(Swedish,) Upper Merion, Montgomery County.

Baptism, infant, 1; Congregation, families, 41; Communicants, 25; Public Services, on Sundays, 52; Burials, 15; Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 45. Contributions, for missionary purposes, \$25.

We are about enlarging the church edifice, for which purpose the sum of \$2000 has been subscribed by the members of the Congregation. There is an increasing interest manifested in the services of the Church; and a much more regular attendance than formerly.

I officiate in St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county, once a month. I have not been able to ascertain the number of families belonging to it.

I also officiate in the Church built by Mrs. Rachel Wetherill, called the Union Church, 5 miles above Norristown, in Montgomery county. In this Church, I preach 16 times in the course of the year. The congregation in attendance is very good. It is composed of several denominations of Orthodox Christians. There is a Sunday School under the entire charge of members of our own Communion. There are teachers, 5; pupils, 50.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 22; total, 23; Communicants, present number, 200; Confirmed, 5; Burials, 49; Bible class, 1, Members, 16; Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 50; female, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 100; total schools, 3; teachers, 19; pupils, 150.

The present Rector was instituted on Ascension Day, May 4th, and having been so few days in the parish, is unable to make a more full parochial report. The congregation for nearly a year past, have been without a Rector, and none of the collections required by the Canons, have yet been made. They will be made with as little delay as possible.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, the venerable Bishop White, who for sixty-four years, was connected with this Church, and for 57 years its Rector—has gone to his rest; and was followed, in a few weeks, by his successor, and former assistant, the Rev. John W. James.

The interior of the Church, has undergone extensive alterations, and is now as beautiful and commodious, as any in the city. A large and elegant organ has also been erected.—



These are all the remarks which the Rector has it in his power to make. Of the state of the Congregation, he can only say that on the two Sundays which he has officiated, the Church was filled with attentive worshippers.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants, 14; Communicants, removed, 2; present number, 5; Sunday school, male teachers, 2; female teachers, 3; children, average number, 70; Congregation, children, 70; adults, average number, 80, total, 150; families, about 20; public services of Rector on Sundays, 104; other days, 40.

It may be stated with gratitude to God, that there is much in the present aspect of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, to inspire confidence in its stability. The rector preaches, during the summer, every Sunday morning and afternoon; and during the winter, in the morning and evening. Prayer books have been given as rewards to those children of the Sunday school who have behaved most devoutly in the church, and have applied themselves with the most assiduity to their religious studies. A temperance society has been formed in Francisville, to which most of the congregation are attached, which has proved, with the Divine blessing, of much service in restraining the prevailing sin of intemperance. The rector has loaned a small but handsome organ to the congregation. The location of this church in a village where there was not one Episcopal family was injudicious; but at present from the success with which the Lord has crowned the preaching of the gospel, there is every reason to conclude, that the cause of Christ will be promoted, and that the principles of our Zion will obtain a firm and durable influence on the minds of the population.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglas, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 9; total, 11, Congregation, families, 89; adults, about 400; children, 175; total, 575; Communicants, added, 15; Died or removed, 1; present number, 92; public services, on Sundays, 106; other days, 54; total, 160; Confirmed, 28; Marriages, 13; Burials, 15; children catechised, 40; times, 12; bible class, 1; members, 19; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 76; female, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 92; total, schools, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 168.

The above report, the rector presents under the cheering conviction, that during the past year, the word of the Lord dispensed, has not been in vain; but has proved a special blessing to the souls of some committed to his charge. He is led to this impression, from the increasing attendance on public worship, the addition to the number of communicants, and from the growing interest manifested by a goodly number, on the all-important subject of vital godliness. The last mark is discovered, chiefly, among the younger portion of our charge; but, to the praise of God's grace, a few among the old, by the perceptible change in their "conversation," give good evidence that they had not passed that awful line of moral blindness and stupidity, beyond which, few, if any, ever retrace their steps. The Sunday school in both departments, is now very well attended. And the present faithfulness of the teachers we take pleasure in commending.

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Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Missionary, Columbia county.

*St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.*

Baptisms, infants, 11; Congregation, families, 38; adults, as far as ascertained, 74; children, 74; total, 148; Communicants, added 1; present number, 14; public services, on Sundays, 11; other days, 5; total, 16; Marriages, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$2,95; missionary and other purposes, \$2,95; total, \$5,90.

The missionary upon his last visit to Sugar Loaf, called the attention of his congregation to the revival of the Sunday school; that being the first opportunity since the opening of the spring season. The effort then made, though it augured favourably, does not enable him to report the condition of the school. He is happy to add that he finds a very respectful attention to the gospel from a congregation which it would surprise a visitor to see collected there.

*Orangeville.*

The prominent place Orangeville has occupied in the past labours of the missionary to Sugar Loaf, induces him to make a distinct report of his services there. In defiance of professed prejudice against the use of the liturgy, it has been successfully maintained by the assistance of an episcopal family living in the neighbourhood, and the place of our worship has been filled, if not crowded during the past year. Could the Prayer Book Society be prevailed upon to make a special donation of books to this congregation, it is not to be doubted that it

would be attended with signal advantage to the cause of the church.

The missionary reports, Sunday services, 12; other days, 2; marriages, 2; Funerals, 2; Baptisms, infant, 1.

*St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.*

Baptisms, infants, 9; Congregation, families, 47; Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 1; present number, 70; public services, on Sundays, 43; other days, 51; total, 94; Marriages, 5; Burials, 11; Children catechized in Sunday school; Bible class, 1; members, 13; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 17; pupils, 50; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$3; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$7,07; Missionary and other purposes, \$5,45; total, \$15,52.

The old church building has been removed from its site, and the foundation of the new one has been laid. The erection of it was some time since committed by contract to an enterprising and responsible gentleman of the congregation, who will spare no pains to render it substantial and beautiful. It is hoped it will be ready for consecration in the fall. The rector of the congregation desires to record an expression of grateful regard towards his Lutheran brethren for their renewed accommodation of our congregation, in kindly allowing us the occupancy of their house of worship until the church is finished.

*Christ Church, Jersey Town, Madison Township.*

Baptisms, Infants, 3; Congregation, families, 16; Communicants, added, 3; died, 1; present number, 23; public services, on Sundays, 17; other days, 3; total, 20; Confirmed, at Danville, 2; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 2; Collection for Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$2,29; Missionary and other purposes, \$7,01.

Around this spot there yet linger some of the most interesting associations, connected with the planting of the church in this quarter. It was the earliest church, I believe, erected here for Episcopal worship. The old building has been superseded by a new one. There are a few who remain faithful to the vows of other days; but Rachel may weep for her children, because they are not. Untoward circumstances have contributed to the decline of the church—among these the change of ministers and the long intervals of vacancy may be reckoned. The present minister has not used faithfulness

enough to recover her from her lethargy. We think upon her stones, and it pities us to see her in the dust; but we hope the time is come for the Lord to arise and have mercy upon her.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 5; children, 60; total 65—Confirmed, 12—Marriages, 12—Burials, 22—Communicants, added, 35; present number, about 200—Public services, on Sundays, 115; other days, 30; total, 145—Bible class, members, about 200; times, 22—Sunday school, 1—Children catechized, about 200; times, 12—Collections, for Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$302,30; other purposes, general and local, as far as ascertained, about \$1500.

In this church there is still pursued the system reported the last year; and there is manifest still undiminished prosperity.

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Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

During the last twelve months, I have performed divine service, and preached in and near Philadelphia, as often as the state of my health would permit.

I have repeatedly preached at the Alms House, the Penitentiary at Cherry Hill, and the County Prison in Moyamensing. My duties at the Alms House, have been chiefly confined to such as are prevented by age or infirmities from attending the Chapel; among these, I have found many members of the Episcopal Church.

During the last winter, I performed divine service, and preached on the morning of every Lord's day, in a room granted for the use of Episcopalians, situated near the junction of Sixth street, and the Germantown Road. Many of the children of that neighbourhood, were regularly assembled for religious instruction, and prayer books distributed among them and their parents.

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Report of the Rev. Frederick Freeman, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 16; total, 18; Communicants, added, 14; Died or removed, 5; present number, 31; Public Services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 6, total, 110; Confirmed, 15; Marriages, 11; Burials, 18; children catechized, 94; Sunday Schools, male and female teachers, 17, Pupils, 230;



Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$3 50.

The Congregation has received a gradual and constant accession of numbers from the Rector's connexion with the parish to the present time, although it has been subject to frequent changes by removals. These fluctuations, inseparable from a manufacturing population, and unknown to the same extent in other places, are a source of much discouragement to the rector, and have been particularly trying during the last year, taking from the place, besides many individuals whose attachment to the church had created fond hopes of their permanency and usefulness, a number of families whose good influence in behalf of the church was much needed and whose departure is greatly regretted. A reflection, however, which is of itself well calculated to reconcile the mind to these losses, is found in connexion with the confident hope that the influence of these valuable members who remove to other places, is transferred, not lost to our Zion; and that those who were beginning to discover a religious regard for the divine requirements, and an attachment to our institutions, will still seek for instruction from the church, and be guided, quickened, and savingly benefitted through her ministry and ordinances.

The church in this place, although yet in its infancy, and chiefly dependent on the voluntary subscriptions of a few, most of whom are gentlemen of the Vestry, for pecuniary support, may still, on the whole, be regarded as giving pleasing evidence of outward prosperity. A commodious Vestry-room is now in the course of completion. The Sunday school affords a fine field for benevolent effort, but might be rendered more efficient, and the number of pupils might be very considerably increased, were a sufficient number of competent teachers to be obtained. The contiguity of the place to the city, and the facilities of communication between the city and village, expose our youth to many and strong temptations, and to the unhallowed example of multitudes of strangers who throng our streets on the Lord's day. Besides this, the temptation which is consequent from the close confinement of a great portion of the population during six days of the week in the manufacturing establishments, to make Sunday a day of recreation, visiting, journeying, and worse, operates most unfavourably upon the religious character, morals, and intelligence of very many. Sunday schools were never more needed in any place, nor the faithful and untiring labours of the Gospel ministry. The church here occupies a position of great re-



sponsibility, and, we are persuaded, as it is better known, will excite greater interest in its behalf. In a population of from 3,500 to 5,000 or more, in number, the great majority have no Sabbath, no proper regard for gospel privileges, and apparently no care for the salvation of their souls. A very large proportion of these are in the morning of life. The parish library has recently been enlarged, through the accustomed liberality of a gentleman of the Vestry. The church is at unity in itself—harmonious in all its movements—and, so far as is known, enjoys the kindly feelings of the various denominations by which we are surrounded.

That this branch of the church may abound more in godliness, and that through the mercy of God, and the gracious operations of the Holy Spirit, the moral and religious improvement which, though very gradual, has been witnessed in this place, may be continued, increased, and consummated, is our heart's desire and prayer to Almighty God.

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Report of the Rev. L. N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette County, and St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington, County, Pa.

*Christ Church, Fayette County.*

Baptisms, infants, 12; total, 12; Congregation, families, 34; Communicants, added 10; present number, 37; Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 60; total, 164; Confirmed, 8; Marriages 2; Burials, 7; Children catechized, 30; times, 6; Bible classes, 1; members, 12; Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 30; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 35; total, schools, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 55; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$20; missionary and other purposes, \$215; total, \$235.

The state of things in this Parish, is decidedly encouraging. The Church is evidently gaining upon the affections of the people, by pursuing her own quiet and unobtrusive course. She has not received large accessions to her communion; nor, can it be expected that she will, in a place like this. But those who join her communion, do so upon principle. They intelligently appreciate her distinctive features and superior claims. They enter her fold under no excitement, but that which is produced by love to God and his Church. They are, therefore, not likely to be "tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, and the slight and cunning craftiness of men," but to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

*St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Montgomery County.*

This parish has undergone no change since my report to the last convention. Except preaching once a month in this church, and administering the communion on several occasions, there has been no official act performed by myself, since that time. During the last summer, the Rev. J. H. Marsden preached frequently in this parish. One hundred and twenty dollars have been raised in it, towards the repairs that were made on the Church, a year or two since. Four dollars and twenty-two cents have been collected for the Convention fund.

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Report of the Rev. Walker E. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York County.

Baptisms, infants, 7; total, 7; Communicants, added, 12; Died or removed, 6; present number, 28; Public Services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 23; total, 59; confirmed, 6; marriages, 1; burials, 2; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$5; missionary and other purposes, \$5 21; total, \$16 21.

I have been connected with this parish, since the first of September last. In the list of communicants left by my predecessor, (Rev. Mr. Hutchins) are 22 names. Of this number, one is dead, and four have left the place. Since then, 12 persons have united with our communion, one of whom has left the place. The record of baptisms, &c., refers to transactions since the first of September. The Sunday School has two superintendents, 1 Secretary and Librarian, and 4 male, and 9 female teachers. The average attendance of girls, is from 35 to 40, and of boys, from 30 to 35.

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Report of the Rev. R. D. Hall, late Rector of the united Parishes of St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware Co.

*St. Paul's, Chester.*

Baptisms, children, 10; Congregation, families, about, 30; Communicants, 34; marriages, 14; Public Services, on Sundays and other days, 100; funerals, 3; Sunday school, teachers 10, pupils, 60.

*St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.*

Baptisms, adult, 1; children, 3; total, 4; Burials, 2 adults, 2 children, total, 4; Congregation, Families, about 60; Communicants, 56; Public Services, about 70; 1 Sunday School, 10 teachers, 80 pupils.

The late rector further reports, that he relinquished his charge of the two parishes, on the 2d of April last. A long indisposition, and consequent incapacity for regular parochial duty, have induced this measure. Through his sickness and

absence, the several collections for Church purposes, have been neglected. He reports however, sixteen dollars collected at an Association of the Clergy in St. Martin's, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

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Report of the Rev. R. A. Henderson, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 51; total, 52; Confirmed, 10; Communicants, added, 28; removed, 6; died, 3; present number, 19; marriages, 6; burials, 42; Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 29; pupils, 406; Collections, Sunday Schools, \$83 87; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$17 35; Parochial purposes, \$1539; total, \$1640 22.

This parish was organized on the 10th of last May; the condition of the old parish of St. Luke's being found hopeless and past remedy. and the congregation on the verge of dispersion, an evil which, by the blessing of God on the efforts made, has been averted by this change.

This parish is yet small, owing to the want of Church-room; all the pews and sittings in the present building being rented, and there being no place for about three thousand persons, English and Welsh miners and families, who have been connected with the Church of England, who are engaged in the collieries of this region; and who have claims upon the Church for pastoral care, and religious instruction. The Sunday School Department is limited by the same cause.

The spiritual condition of the congregation, so far as can be ascertained by outward indications is, God be thanked, healthy. The influence of correct principles seems to be extending through the region.

The pecuniary concerns of this parish are in a sound state. The present revolution in commerce must necessarily delay the execution of the projects of the vestry; but already much has been done in removing the odium resting upon our communion, in consequence of the debts due by St. Luke's Church.

The rector of this parish performed services on Sunday evenings, in Mr. Hill's school house, at Schuylkill Haven, from the month of May, until towards the close of the last year, and has now three services on Sundays, in the Church in town. He also attends constantly, the Sunday School, and occasionally catechizes the children in the body of the Church. He has also made frequent visits of a missionary character, in various directions throughout the neighbourhood. In one instance, as far as Mount Hope, in Lancaster County, the resi-

dence of Mrs. Grubb, where he preached twice, addressed the Sunday School pupils, and baptized nine children. This pious and intelligent member of the Church, has fitted up a chapel in one of the wings of her mansion, where a Sunday School is taught by herself and family.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults, 2; total, 2; Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 4; present number, 32; Public Services, on Sundays, 41; other days, 6; total, 47; marriages, 3; burials, 5; Children catechized, 37; times, 4; bible classes, 1; members, 10; Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils 45; total, schools, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 45; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$5 34; missionary and other purposes, \$45; total, \$50 34.

The present Rector took charge of this parish about nine months ago, since which time it has enjoyed the one half of his labours, on Sundays. A weekly lecture was commenced early in the fall, in a school house near the Church, which, the rector is sorry to say, was but very poorly attended. Nevertheless, he has reason to believe, that the few who did attend, frequently found it good for them to be there. The attendance on our services, on Sundays, is generally good, and seems to be increasing. And although, there has been but one individual added to our communion, since I took charge of the congregation, yet I trust, the seed which has been sown during that time, has not all "fallen by the way side" or "among thorns," but that part of it, at least, has fallen "on good ground," which, in due time, will spring up, and bring forth fruit unto holiness.

*St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester Co.*

I took charge of this parish, in connexion with that of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, in the latter part of July last. During the summer, I officiated, in St. Peter's, once every Lord's day; but during the winter, only once every other Lord's day. There has been no addition to our communion since I came here, neither have there been any baptisms during that time. There having been kept no regular list of the communicants of this parish, I set down the number as I find it in the last report of my predecessor, which is 25. The whole amount of money raised, during the period of my labours here, is but \$4 16, a sum, I must say, by no means proportioned to the ability of the congregation.



In regard to the spiritual prospects of this parish, I have but little to say. I have endeavoured to preach faithfully unto them the word of God; but as yet I have seen little, or no fruit arising from my labours. May the Lord soon grant us a time of refreshing from his presence, that sinners may be converted unto the Lord, and his own people more firmly built up in their most holy faith.

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Report of the Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, Rector of St. John's Church,  
Concord, Delaware county.

Baptisms, infants, 9; Congregation, families, 15; adults, 60; children, 50; total, 110; Communicants, added, 10, died or removed, 3; present number, 45; Public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 10; total, 56; Marriages, 3; burials, 1; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$5; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$8; total, \$13.

The rector resigned the charge of this parish last Easter. Since then they have had occasional supplies from Philadelphia. Arrangements however, are now making to secure the services of a clergyman in connexion with West-Chester.

*Calvary Church, Rockdale.*

Baptisms, infants, 2; Congregation, families, 20, adults, 200; children, 50; total, 250; Communicants, added, 15; present number, 15; Public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 2; total, 54; Children catechized, 100; times, 15; Bible class, 1; Members, 14; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 70; Female, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 60; total, schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 130; Collection, Episcopal fund, \$6,50.

The prospects of this church are very encouraging; our services are well attended. And although this congregation is in its infancy, its members, with laudable zeal and liberality have erected a handsome Gothic church of stone, occupying an elevated situation, which is nearly completed, and will accommodate 350 persons. The basement story is now open for Divine service.

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Report of the Rev. J. W. Hoffman.

The Rev. J. W. Hoffman respectfully reports to the Bishop, that after his ordination as Deacon, on the 10th of July, 1836, he remained in Philadelphia, and officiated occasionally, until the middle of August following, when he proceeded to the city of Pittsburgh, and took charge of the parishes of Christ Church, Alleghanytown, and St. John's, Laurenceville. On



the 20th of March, 1837; he resigned his connection with both these parishes, and shortly after visited and supplied the vacant parish of St. Luke's, Marietta, Ohio, for the space of one month.

The above report comprehends all ministerial duties performed previous to May 1st, 1837.

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Report of the Rev. J. F. Hoff, Missionary for St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county; St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county; and St. Stephen's Church, Thompsontown, Juniatta county.

### *St. Mark's Church.*

Baptisms, infants, 4; Congregation, families, 20; adults, 50; children, 60; total, 110; Communicants, 16; Public services, Sundays, 30; Burials, 3; Children catechized, 20; times, 6; Bible class, 1; members, 25; Sunday school, 1; teachers, male, 4; female, 13; scholars, 120; Collections, Missionary and other purposes, \$26.

The minister of this church took charge of it and of the two stations, the reports of which are given below, in October last. As to success in the great purpose of the ministry, throughout his charge, he is able to give little more satisfactory than that the truth has had a respectful hearing, and there is hope of fruit at an early day.

The only place where he would have been at all justified in asking the required contributions is St. Mark's, Lewistown. But inasmuch as the whole burden of collections here falls on a very few, and these had given so much to various objects during my short ministry among them, it was thought excusable to omit the contributions for the present.

### *St. John's Church, Huntingdon.*

Public services, Sundays, 14; children catechized, 24; times, 7; Congregation, families, 15; adults, 40; children, 40; total, 80.

Encouraged by the expectation of assistance from members of Christ church, Philadelphia, the Episcopalians here soon after the commencement of my labors opened a subscription for the erection of a house of worship. The subscriptions in Huntingdon and neighborhood, amount to \$1400. From the Ladies Missionary Association we have \$500; \$300 of which is the proceeds of a Fair, and the rest mostly collected on the occasion of a sermon by the Bishop of New Jersey, in commemoration of the late Rev. Mr. James. From other Episcopa-

lians of the city, principally of the same congregation, about \$360.- But for the difficulty of procuring a suitable lot, the building would have been begun before the present time.

*St. Stephen's Church, Thompsonstown.*

Under this title a church was organized some years ago with good prospect of success. A building was commenced and far advanced towards completion, when the removal of several families reduced the church to a merely nominal existence. At present there are not more than three or four families in the neighbourhood in any way connected with our communion. I have visited this place at regular intervals and preached on 6 Sundays.

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Report of the Rev. William Hommann, Missionary for Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks, county.

*Christ Church, Pottstown.*

Public services, on Sundays, 11; week-days, 5; occasional services, 1; Baptisms, 1 adult; 1 infant; total, 2; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 70.

*St. Gabriel's, Morlattin.*

Public services, on Sundays, 13; week-days, 7; occasional service, 1, Baptisms, 4 adults; 4 infants; total 8; Burials, 2; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 50.

The missionary has officiated in the above churches only 3 months. He can therefore report but little except the duties which have been performed, in consequence of his partial acquaintance with the spiritual condition of the congregations. They were entirely destitute of ministerial services for one year previous to the acceptance of the charge, by the present missionary. There is a very encouraging desire manifested in both congregations to partake of spiritual blessings, and we think there is a pleasing probability of much good being accompanied by the Divine blessing. The temporal condition of the congregation of St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, is prosperous, but that of Christ Church, Pottstown, not so bright, although we hope that by some exertion, the present difficulty will soon be obviated.

The missionary officiated at Farrandsville, Lycoming county, since the last annual convention, until January of the present year. The following is the amount of the duty performed there from May 1st, 1836, to January 27th, 1837.

Public services, on Sundays, 44; week-days, 29; occasional services, 2; Sunday services in adjacent places, 26; Baptisms, 14 infants; Burials, 2; Marriages, 1.

Making a total amount of duties performed, as follows:—

Services on Sundays, 91; week-days, 41; occasional, 4; total, 136; Baptisms, 18 infants; 5 adults; total, 23; Burials, 4; Marriages, 1.

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The Rev. Joseph Jaquett

Reports that he has been engaged during the past year in teaching Theological Students and others, the Hebrew Language. He has also preached and performed other public services at various times during the same conventional period.—He likewise reports,

Baptisms, 4 infants; Burials, 8; 6 adults, 2 children.

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Report of the Rev. John J. Kerr, Missionary for Trinity Church, Connelsville, Fayette county, and Christ Church, Greensburgh.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 13; total, 15; Congregation, families, 19; adults, 52; children, 49; total, 101; Communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 29; Public services, on Sundays, 47; other days, 15; total, 62; Confirmed, 3; Burials, 6; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 47.

### *Christ Church, Greensburgh.*

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 5; total, 8; Congregation, families, 25; adults, 58; children, 63; total, 122; Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 32; Public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 7; total, 53; Confirmed, 8; Sunday schools, 2 departments, male, 2 teachers; 20 pupils; female, 4 teachers; 25 pupils.

The churches at Connelsville and Greensburgh, have been under my care for more than a year—neither of the congregations is large, as may be inferred from the above reports. They have each a sufficiently commodious house of worship, but in an unfinished state. The pecuniary difficulties which usually attend young and indigent parishes, in these parts of the country, where what are commonly termed the peculiarities of the church, are but little known, have pressed uncommonly heavy upon them.

The towns in which they are situate have not had the advantages of the public improvements of the country which have enriched and increased the population of many other places in the state.

At Greensburgh their church was completed, but owing to the imperfect and unskilful manner in which it was done, through the lapse of a few years it has become greatly out of repair, and the walls, from defect in the foundation, threaten to fall; consequently a considerable sum of money will be requisite to refit it—a sum too great to be raised in a congregation so limited in number, and so moderate in wealth.

At Connelville their church edifice was never entirely finished, and is somewhat in debt—funds are also necessary to aid this parish in extricating itself from embarrassments; funds which they cannot raise among themselves while they pay their quota to the missionary salary.

If these churches were relieved from their present necessity, their prospects of being permanently established, and extensively useful, are very fair, and in my opinion the benevolent and wealthy friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church could not direct their liberality to more worthy and important objects.

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Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Minister of St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler county; St. Paul's, Kittanning; Trinity Parish, Freeport; and St. Michael's, Wayne Township, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

*St. Peter's Church, Butler, Butler County.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 14; total, 15; Congregation, families, 32; adults, 73; children, 55; total, 128; Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 48; Public services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 5; total, 41; Burials, 5; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 5; female teachers, 2; male pupils, 12; female pupils, 8; total teachers, 7; total pupils, 20; Collections, convention fund, \$5,00; other purposes, \$20,00; total, \$25,00.

*St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong County.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 16; total, 17; Congregation, families, 37; adults, 94; children, 76; total, 170; Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 6; present number, 22; Public services, on Sundays, 32; other days, 12; total, 42; Burials, 2; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 2; female teachers, 3; male pupils, 15; female pupils, 25; total teachers, 5; total pupils, 40; Collection, missionary and other purposes \$182.

*Trinity Parish, Freeport.*

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 7; total, 12; Congregation, families, 24; adults, 55; children, 40; total, 95; Communicants, added, 11; Present number, 38; public services, on Sundays, 24;



other days, 12; total 36; marriages, 1; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 7; female teachers, 6; male pupils, 25; female pupils, 30; total teachers, 13; total pupils, 55; Collections, missionary and other purposes, \$20.

*St. Michael's Parish, Wayne Township.*

Baptisms, infants, 8; Congregation, families, 23; adults, 75; children, 49; total, 134; Communicants, added, 15; present number, 25; Public services, on Sundays, 4; other days, 9; total, 13; Collections, missionary and other purposes, \$12,50.

The minister of these parishes desires most gratefully to record the fact, that through divine assistance, an appeal to his christian brethren abroad has been so far successful, as to enable him to proceed in the erection of churches for Trinity Parish, Freeport, and St. Michael's, Wayne Township. Immediately after the last convention he proceeded to the cities of New York and Brooklyn, where during a short visit he collected \$63,00, of which \$40,00 were contributed by members of St. Ann's church, Brooklyn, and a check for \$100 has since been forwarded by the worthy rector of that truly liberal congregation.

During the month of September he also visited the city of Pittsburgh, and obtained there in cash and materials about \$250; and in October he repaired to Philadelphia, where his application was received with a christian spirit, and a kindness evinced towards him, for which, however unworthy of it, he must ever be grateful.

He cannot refrain from particularizing the zeal of two distinguished ladies of St. Stephen's church, through whose untiring efforts in his behalf a large amount was contributed; and, but that it would offend a piety which seeks to approve itself only to God, he would be happy to name, in conjunction with them, a lady of Grace church, who presented him with a check for \$50 and a set of communion plate. During his stay of two weeks in Philadelphia, \$585,50 were collected. Since then \$55 have been placed at his command by that noble band of christian ladies, the Bee Hive Sewing Society of St. James' church, Philadelphia; \$22 have also been appropriated towards the objects of his mission, by the male Sunday school of St. Andrew's church; and \$20 forwarded by the ladies of St. Stephen's church above alluded to.

The building in Wayne Township is so far completed as to admit of service being held in it. The Lord's supper was ad-



ministered there on the 5th Sunday after Easter, on which occasion five persons were added to the communion, and three infants dedicated to God in the holy rite of baptism. A Sunday school has been organized with encouraging prospects. The few books in it were kindly supplied by some pious ladies of Philadelphia. Prayer books and books of instruction are much needed; and the more so, as it is likely many adults will attend. A well conducted school, supplied with a good library and the requisite books of instruction, will be a blessing to that settlement, and a great benefit to the church, for, owing to his present engagements, the minister can only preach to this congregation on a week day at an interval of three weeks.

At the request of the Vestry of St. Paul's church, Kittanning, their pastor visited the cities of Baltimore and Washington in January last, with the view of raising funds to aid them in discharging a debt against their church, long due. In Washington city he obtained \$98; and after great exertions for one week in Baltimore, \$27 were collected.

The congregation in Freeport is gradually increasing, the Sunday school in a flourishing state, and lay reading regularly held every Lord's day, when the pastor is not present.

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Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Missionary, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St James' Church, West Marlborough, Chester county.

*St. John's Church, New London.*

Baptisms, infants, 7; Congregation, families, 29; Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 3; present number, 38; Public Services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 23; total, 59; Burials, 3; children catechized, 22; times, 22; Bible class, 1; members, 4; Sunday school, 1: male and female teachers, 7; pupils, 39; total, school, 1, teachers, 7; pupils, 39; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$2,22; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$8 50; other purposes, \$4 03½; total, 14 75½.

While we have had no accession to this parish by removals into it, several families, during the past year, have emigrated from it into the Western country.

*St. James' Church, West Marlborough.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5; Communicants, added, 2; present number, 3; Public services, on Sundays, 24; other days, 6; total, 30; Collections, Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$2 87½; parochial purposes, \$5 00; total, \$7 87½.

As there had never been a Sunday school in this place, and no teachers offered, I opened one myself in November last, which has been continued up to the present time. The children have been instructed between services, some in the catechism, and all according to the system of our Union. Though but 11 in number, they have been regular and attentive.

I have preached 23 times at Glennville, where I have baptised 4 children; 10 times near Doe Run Factories, and a number of times at distant places.

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Report of the Rev. W. B. Lacey, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

Baptisms, infants, 11; marriages, 7; confirmed, 9; communicants, 12; individuals attached to the congregation, about 50. Circumstances arising from the infancy of the Church, prevent a fuller report.

When, from domestic circumstances and declining health, I deemed it my duty to relinquish some of the severe duties of the Christian ministry, it was under the full conviction I had no right to do so, unless in exact conformity with the indications of divine Providence. Consequently, on resigning my charge of St. Peter's Church, in the city of Albany, in 1832, I resolved to devote as much of my time to the immediate interests of the Church, as other duties would permit; and on removing to this vicinity, commenced the performance of public worship, on Sundays, in my own house. On the 1st of August, 1834, a congregation was duly organized, by the name of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville; and having accepted the rectorship of this Church, immediately on its organization, I have since endeavoured to perform the duties of the office. On the 15th of September, 1835, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hilton, I laid the corner stone of the Church edifice; and although, from circumstances beyond our control, the completion of the building has been delayed longer than we had expected, it is now ready for consecration. The edifice is built in the Gothic order, of substantial materials, and presents to the eastern limits of Pittsburgh, a very handsome appearance. We have an organ now in the Church, a good choir, and all other things requisite for public worship, in proper order.

What will be the success of this enterprise, time alone can disclose. Its progress thus far, has afforded me great satisfaction, especially as it opens to me, the prospect of ending my days in the service of that Church, which has long been the object of my admiration and love.

Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County.

Baptisms, infants, 4; Congregation, families, 37; adults, 110; children, 54; total, 164; Communicants, added, 3; present number, 38; Public Services, on Sundays, 58; other days, 10; total, 68; marriages, 3; burials, 6; children catechized, 6; times, 10; bible classes, 1; members, 20. Sunday schools were discontinued through the winter, and have not yet commenced again; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$10; missionary and other purposes, \$30; total, \$40.

*St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford Co.*

Present number of Communicants, 18; burials, 3; Public Services, on Sundays, 38; other days, 2; total, 40; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$5.

This Church is feeble, and unable to secure clerical services for the present year. One of her liberal supporters has been removed by death.

*St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna Co.*

Baptisms, children 1; present number of Communicants, 28; Public Services, on Sundays, 18.

Since the first of January, I have divided my time equally between this Church and Springville, giving the meanwhile, extra-services, at Pike 6 times, and once at Montrose. To these last named places, I can give occasional attention till they are otherwise supplied. The fields your missionary occupies, are great and far asunder. To cultivate them according to good husbandry, giving due attention to all, watching the vicissitudes of the weather, and the face of the sky, so as to receive the full benefit of every gleam of sunshine, and every falling shower; to put up the fences, and guard against the love of novelty and infidelity—against the prejudices of the people to the *form* of sound words,—to do all these things decently and in order requires more labour than one humble individual can bestow.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County, and Trinity Church, Rockville, Crawford County, Missionary.

*Athens, Towanda, Columbia and Troy, Bradford Co.*

Baptisms, children, 3; Communicants, 18; families, 28; adults, 61; children, 54; total, 115; Public Services, on Sundays, 15; other days, 1; total, 16; Public services in other places, on Sundays, 11; other days, 8; total, 19; marriages, 1.

These places have been without a clergyman, since my acceptance of an invitation, and transfer by the committee on

missions of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, to another field of labour. A missionary is very much needed, and desired, and might be usefully employed among them.

*St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; children, 3; total, 4; Communicants, added, 3; present number, 19; Congregation, families, 16; adults, 37; children, 17; total, 54; Public Services, on Sundays, 51; other days, 14; total, 65; Children catechized in the Church, 12 times. The Sunday Schools in the Borough are all united in one. Bible class, 1. The Holy Communion has been administered 4 times in public and once in private. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$500; Convention Fund, \$2 55; General Theological Seminary, \$11 61; other purposes, \$12 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; total, \$31 84 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Trinity Church, Rockville, Crawford County.*

Baptisms, children, 2; Communicants, added, 1; present number, 7; Congregation, families, 5; adults, 16; children, 13; total, 29; Public Services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 5; total, 27; Sunday School, 1; bible class, 1; children catechized in the Sunday School; burials, 2. The Holy Communion has been administered twice. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$2 50; Convention Fund, \$1 45; other purposes, \$2 47; total, \$6 42.

Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 10; total 12; Communicants, present number, 450; Public Services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156; marriages, 4; burials, 24; bible classes, 2; members, 40; Sunday Schools, male, 2; pupils, 161; female, 2.

The present rector having but very recently taken charge of this parish, has not the materials of a report in detail. He states in general, that on the part of many members of the congregation, there is a degree of seriousness in attention to religion that is encouraging. The services are engaged in with seriousness, and there are several persons now in readiness to make a Christian profession in the rite of confirmation.

Report of the Rev. J. Linn McKim, Rector of Dyberry Parish, Wayne County.

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 4; total, 5; Congregation, families 32; adults, 75; children, 45; total, 120, Communicants, added, 4; removed, 1; present number, 22; public services, on Sundays, 94; other days, 6; total, 100; marriages, 1; burials, 3;



Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 10; female, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 15; total schools, 2; teachers, 5; pupils, 25 Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5 00; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$21 00; total, \$26.

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Report of the Rev. Mr. Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester County.

*St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent.*

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 2; total, 3; Congregation, families, 60; Communicants, added, 4; died, 2; present number, 62; Public services, Sunday, 52; other days, 10; total, 62; confirmed, 9; married, 5; burials, 3; children catechized, 14; times, 5; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 30; female, 3; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; total schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$23; for the Convention Fund, \$4 50; total, \$32 50.

*St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook.*

Baptisms, adults, 5; children, 3; total, 8; Congregation, families, 95; Communicants, added, 5; present number, 45; public services on Sunday, 50; other days, 8; total, 58; confirmed, 10; married, 2; children catechized, 16; times, 5; Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$2 56; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$16 41; total, \$18 97.

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Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks County.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 6; total, 7; Congregation, families, 35; adults, 97; children, 71; total, 168; Communicants, added, 12; removed, 6; present number, 50; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 72; total, 176; confirmed, 7; marriages, 5; burials, 7; children catechized, 60; times, 7; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 89; female, 1; teachers, 20; pupils, 98; total schools, 2; teachers, 26; pupils, 187; Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$10; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$10; Missionary and other purposes, about \$400; total, \$420.

The number in attendance upon the services of the church, is in general considerably larger, than that above named.

The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition, and receives the constant supervision of the pastor.

The views presented in the circular of the Board of managers of the Diocesan Sunday School Society, in January last,



meet our cordial approbation, and have always been acted upon in our School.

The plan of "*Sunday offerings*," was commenced on Easter Sunday last, and though the contributions have not been as large as might reasonably be expected, yet it is hoped that they will increase, and that the members will lay by them in store, on *the first day of the week*, and will give as God hath prospered them.

Nothing has been contributed by this church during the last year, to the Board of Missions. This however, has not been owing to any diminution of interest in the great work, for the Rector is happy to state, that *the spirit of Missions* is increasing among his people. It was thought, that the cause would be indirectly aided at least, by appropriating the amount collected at our monthly missionary meetings, to the support of a young man—a member of the Church, in his preparatory education for the ministry.

It is expected that the present year, will supply the deficiency of the last.

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Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks County.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 4; total, 8; Congregation, families, 60; Communicants, added, 9; died or removed, 1; present number, 51; Public services, on Sundays, 50; confirmed, 9; marriages, 4; burials, 6; bible class, 1; members, 15; Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 130; female, 84 pupils; Collections, missionary and other purposes, \$150; total, \$150.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Henry Rees, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 4; total, 11; Communicants, added, 10; died or removed, 9; present number, 61; Public Services, on Sundays, 64; other days, 11; total, 75; confirmed, 11; marriages, 10; burials, 8; children catechized, 11; times, 8; Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$3 62; Convention Fund, \$3 62; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$25 81; missionary and other purposes, \$111 82; total \$144 87.

A flourishing Sunday School, under the direction of the rector, assisted by three female teachers, was in operation during the last summer, and continued until the season was far advanced. It registered about 45 scholars. It has been resumed for the present season.

The rector has preached at funerals, and in other parishes 14 times.

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Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of St. James' Church, Evansburg, and St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.

*St. James' Church, Evansburg.*

Baptisms, infants, 3: total, 3: Congregation, families, 40: adults, 100; children, 150: total, 250: Communicants, added, 2: died or removed, 2: present number, 45: public Services, on Sundays, 50: other days, 30: total, 80: marriages, 1: burials, 5: bible class, 1: members, 40: Sunday Schools, male, 1: teachers, 2: pupils, 30: female, 1: teachers, 5: pupils, 40; total, schools, 2: teachers, 7: pupils, 70: Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5 00; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$8 04; missionary and other purposes, \$140; total, \$153 04.

This congregation continues in a flourishing condition.—The Church is one of the oldest in the diocese, having been erected as early as 1721, and the walls are still strong and compact. The attendance upon public worship is regular and increasing, and hopes are entertained that an addition to the venerated Church edifice, will shortly be required. The grave-yard has been enlarged to double its former extent, in the course of the last year, and what is better than all, the spirit of sincere piety is extending its saving influence among the members of the Church.

*St. John's Church, Norristown.*

Baptisms, infants, 3: total, 3: Congregation, families, 40: adults, 100: children, 100: total, 200: Communicants, added, 3: died or removed, 3: present number, 30: Public Services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 5: total, 57: marriages, 1: burials, 7: children catechized, 20: times, 20: bible class, 1: members, 40: Sunday Schools, male, 1: pupils, 30: female, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 40: total, schools, 2: teachers, 7: pupils, 70: Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5 50: missionary and other purposes, \$30: total, \$35 50.

This congregation is gradually advancing in numbers and in devotion to the distinctive principles of the Church. By an arrangement with the creditors, (to whom several thousands of dollars were owing, on account of the original expense of building the Church) the debt has been discharged, by a sale of land belonging to the vestry, and an acceptance of a pro rata division of the amount among the creditors, realizing about one fourth of their claims, for which they generously

released the Church, from any further responsibility on that account. A bible class has been established, which promises the most happy results.

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Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, and St. Andrew's, Yardleyville.

Baptisms, 8: burials, 3: marriages, 4: communicants, added, 12: families, about 50: public services, on Sundays, 104: other times, unknown: Sunday schools, 1: pupils, 60; teachers, 8.

The rector of these Churches, in presenting the first report from them to the Convention, has to state that as yet, everything about them is in an incipient condition. Located in a neighbourhood where the Church was until lately entirely unknown, (so that when his ministrations commenced there, he could not find so much as a single Episcopalian to aid in making the responses,) he has been chiefly employed in laying the foundations, upon which a superstructure of *future* usefulness may be erected. The Church edifice at Newtown, is complete, and has been consecrated; that at Yardleyville has been sufficiently so, for some months past, to be used for public worship, and will be prepared for consecration by the 2d of July, at which time the Bishop is expected to visit it for that purpose. The neighbourhood in which it is established, is both populous and destitute of religious advantages, and affords a fine opening for the formation of a good congregation; but owing to its remoteness from the residence of its minister, and his engagements nearer home, he can afford them but a very inadequate supply of services. He hopes however, that an arrangement will shortly be accomplished by which they will be united to another Church, which was built several years since, under his ministry at Hulmeville, and has since then, been in the charge of the rector of the Church at Bristol. If these two infant congregations can be placed in the hands of some missionary, the rector of the one at Yardleyville being released from his engagements there, will have it in his power to aid in the establishment of a new Church at North Attleborough, a flourishing village in his immediate vicinity. He has had a subscription of several hundred dollars, towards the erection of a Church there, for two or three years in his possession. This sum has been greatly increased, by the liberality and zeal of Mr. A. F. Dobb, a Candidate for Orders in this diocese, who has recently established there a very promising high school for boys, which is decidedly Episcopal in its character. The communion was administered, very recently, for the first time, at Newtown. It has not been yet

administered at all at Yardleyville. Confirmation is expected on the 2d of July.

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Baptisms, adults, 5: children, 22: total, 27: Communicants, added, 5: died or removed, 5: total, 35: confirmed, 3; marriages, 3: burials, 9: Congregation, 45 families, number about 200; public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 2: total, 106: Sunday School, male and female, 1: teachers 10: scholars, 70: Collections, for various purposes, about \$150.

The congregation of St. Luke's continues to encourage the rector thereof, by many of the visible evidences of prosperity, the attendance upon the regular services is more numerous than heretofore, the funds of the Church have increased, as also the contributions for benevolent purposes; to these may be added, the much larger number united to the Church, by the administration of its sacraments.

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Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 5; Infants, 19, total, 24; Communicants, added, 7; Died or removed, 1; present number, 70; public services, on Sundays, 76; other days 10; total, 86. Marriages, 4; Burials, 5; children catechized, 20; Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$15; missionary and other purposes, \$30; total, \$55.

I have spent 3 Sundays during the last year at Mauch Chunk, where a small but zealous congregation are most anxious to erect a church, though their pious endeavors cannot accomplish it without assistance from abroad.

At Easton the church is gradually increasing, and we have a good hope that her cause is becoming more and more established. A protracted illness last fall, which confined me to my room for several weeks, will account for the deficiency of services in the church at Easton.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford Township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 13; total, 18; Communicants, added, 15; died or removed, 2; present number, 46; public services, on Sundays, 104; Marriages, 3; Burials, 21; children catechized, 4 times in church, in the Sunday school frequently; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 80; 5 of the teachers



are male, and 8 female; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$9 32; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$35,68; Convention, \$8,50; total, \$53,50.

In addition to the above collections, there has been a very eligible site for an Episcopal church, purchased in the Borough of Frankford, which cost \$400, on which has been erected a neat school room, which cost about \$600, and will seat about one hundred and fifty persons. Divine service is performed in this room on Sunday afternoons, at the conclusion of the Sunday school exercises. The children sustain their part in the service very satisfactorily, and, it is hoped, that with the adults who attend, there is a flattering prospect that there will yet be a handsome edifice erected, and an Episcopal church formed in this place.

The Sunday school at the ancient Trinity Church, Oxford, continued its operations until the inclemency of the winter made it necessary to relinquish them. It has not as yet been opened this season. This church is badly situated for a Sunday school. The worthy female superintendent spent the winter in the city, and has not yet returned to the country. Most of those who have assisted as teachers, reside at such a distance as involves them in difficulties. Different attempts have been made to hold a Sunday school in this church, but I fear, there is no great prospect of permanency. The school was held last season in the morning so as to close its exercises at the commencement of public worship, which is held regularly every Sunday. An arrangement, which he thinks ought to be adopted as generally as possible, in order that the pupils may be trained up both as christians and episcopalians. We are inclined to believe that our mode of worship is admirably calculated to give satisfaction to children generally, and with a little pains on the part of their teachers, they become well acquainted with our liturgical arrangements, and interested in the services. It gives pleasure to add, that with the exception of one or two small donations, the thousand dollars for the ground and lecture room have been raised by the congregation. For the encouragement of others, I would notice that one dollar and fifty cents of the collection for the Advancement Society, was the proceeds of a little girl's family mitebox. One of the adults baptized is in the eighty-fifth year of his age; the prayer book made use of on the occasion was that brought from England by his great-grand-father, who, when he arrived at the place *now called* Philadelphia, found a cabin in the side of the hill for their reception, with a hogs-



head in the roof for a chimney. The great-grand-father of another of the candidates, (also an aged person) was among the first of those who assembled at this place for Divine worship.

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Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector and Missionary of St. James' Church, in the Borough of Muncy, Lycoming county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; one congregation; Communicants, added, 1; died, 2; removed, 2; present number, 45; public services on Sundays, 42; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; children catechized, times, 5; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 45; female teachers, 4; Collections for Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$12 00.

Since December 18, 1836, I have devoted my whole time to the church at Muncy except two Sundays—one of which I spent at Farrandville, and the other at Sunbury. I do not perceive much increase of piety since the last year, and were it not for God's promise to his church, I should feel quite discouraged.

The temporal condition of the church has evidently improved.

With the assistance which has been secured from other churches, and principally from the churches of Philadelphia, the debt of this church has been reduced to about three hundred dollars, and there is enough subscribed to cover a considerable part of this sum.

I have preached at Williamsport twice during the past year; at Milton four or five times; at Hughesville as many; at New Columbia three times, and baptized five children; at Lewisburg once.

Until the last of October, 1836, I continued to preach at Sunbury once every other Sunday, and from that time until the consecration of their new church, which took place on the 7th of December following, I was soliciting money to liquidate the debt of St. James' church, Muncy. This church (at Sunbury) is now without the stated ministrations of any clergyman. It is very important that it should be able to secure the stated services of a clergyman immediately—otherwise it may suffer much. A clergyman who could spend a part of his time in teaching, would find a competent support between this church and Christ church, Danville.

At Sunbury I have baptized three children, and at the consecration of the church two persons were confirmed by the Bishop. Three dollars for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity. May the Lord send us prosperity.

## Report of the Rev. George A. Smith.

The Rev. George A. Smith reports that he has performed no "occasional services," such as would probably be considered within the meaning of the 7th canon of 1835, and that the cause which has prevented the same is incapacity for the labors of the pulpit, in consequence of a chronic affection of the throat. His engagement has been, and continues to be, the editing of the Episcopal Recorder, a religious paper published in this city.

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 Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 10: total, 12: Congregation, families, between 50 and 60: Communicants, added, 10: present number, 59: public services, on Sundays, 97: other days, 43: total, 140: confirmed, 3: marriages, 3: burials, 6: children catechized in Sunday school: total schools, 1: teachers, 14: pupils, 60 to 80: Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5 34: Convention fund, \$6 41: missionary and other purposes, \$97 25: total, \$109.

In addition to the above, the Rector would simply remark, that there has been a gradual improvement in the congregation, spiritually and temporally.

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 Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 20: infants, 69: total, 89: Congregation, families, 190: adults, 440: children, 420: total, 860: communicants, added, 83: died or removed, 10: present number, 201: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 110: total, 214: confirmed, 50: marriages, 25: burials, 10: children catechized, entire school at Easter: bible classes, 3; members, 80: Sunday schools, male teachers, 15: pupils, 73: female teachers, 17: pupils, 143: total, teachers, 32: pupils, 216: Collections, Episcopal Fund, \$32: Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$100: Convention fund, \$58: missionary and other purposes, \$2300: total, \$2490.

The Rector feels abundant cause for devout gratitude to God, for the great blessings which have been bestowed upon the people of his charge during the past year. It has been marked with signal blessings by the Great Head of the Church, and the earnest prayer is offered to Almighty God that his grace may continue to descend upon this people until they shall all be numbered with the Church of the first-born whose names are written in heaven.

Report of the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington Township, and of Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, York Springs, Adams county.

Baptisms, infants, 7; adults, 3; total, 10; Congregation, families, 33; Communicants; added, 7; present number, 30; Marriages, 4; Burials, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 32; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 35; total schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 67.

My services during the past year, have been continued much in the same manner as communicated in my last report, excepting the most of the winter season, which I passed in Philadelphia, during which period I officiated in several of the churches in the city, on 26 occasions. I have also officiated one Sunday each at York and Lewistown; and in a variety of other places which it is deemed unnecessary to enumerate.

The Church or Chapel spoken of in my last report, as designed to be erected in Petersburg, has been completed; and was consecrated by the bishop on the 4th of November last. It is built of brick, and may be considered an excellent model for country churches generally; combining neatness and taste, with convenience and economy; the cost of it being not more than \$1100, including the furnishing of green blinds to all the windows; an appropriate drapery to the reading desk and pulpit, carpeting, chairs and table to the chancel; the painting of the pews, &c. and a handsome pale fence with which it is enclosed. It is capable of accommodating 300 persons, at least, which number have assembled in it on every occasion on which it has been opened since its consecration; and we are now gratified with the prospect of realizing the advantages we had anticipated from its erection. Two services are held in it, in conjunction with Christ church, on every alternate Sunday.

The collections prescribed, excepting the one for the Convention fund, have been omitted, in consequence of the frequent and more than ordinary demands on the congregation during the past year; and, notwithstanding their exertions, they are still in debt, to liquidate which, a further effort must be made.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 13; infants, 22; total, 35; Marriages, 14; Funerals, 5; Confirmed, 55; Communicants, added, 79; died, 1; present number, 227; Sunday schools, male teachers, 17,

scholars, 140; female teachers, 21; scholars, 158; total, teachers, 38; scholars, 307; Collections for missionary and other purposes, \$2,118 16.

Of the present number of Communicants, 110 have been received to the Lord's table for the first time, in this church, the residue have been transferred from other churches. Of the collections for missionary and other purposes, \$1000 have been given to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$400 have been given to missions in Pennsylvania, and the residue to other objects of religious benevolence beyond the congregation. The annual collection for the Sunday schools of our own congregation amounting to \$202,89, is also to be added to the above, making the whole \$2,325. The present state of the congregation is in the highest degree encouraging. It has been marked from the commencement of the effort to collect this church, by undeviating harmony and attachment to the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church. True piety has flourished among us under the divine blessing, in an increasing measure. The last year gave us a large increase to our communion, and we have every reason to look forward to still more for the year to come. No words can too highly express our sense of the goodness of God the Saviour, in his blessing upon the pastor and the people of this united and happy church.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, Alleghany county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 89; total, 92; Congregation, children, innumerable; Communicants, added, 39; died or removed, 30; present number, 298; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 60; total, 164; Confirmed, 40; Marriages, 21; Burials, 39; Children catechized in Sunday school; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 90; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 138; total schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 228; Collections, Episcopal fund, \$26,50; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$250; Missionary and other purposes, \$259; total, \$536.

The church edifice has been thoroughly repaired, a new organ of the largest class put up, and a lecture and Sunday school room erected, at an expence in the whole of about ten thousand dollars. The rector has officiated at Washington, Georgetown, Lawrenceville, and some other places.

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Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

An imperfect state of health incapacitates the undersigned



for the *full* and *regular* discharge of parochial duty. He is however desirous of laboring to the extent of his ability, in the work of the ministry; and has accordingly, preached once on every Sunday, with the exception of *ten*, since the last Convention.

His services have been rendered at the destitute churches in the city—the Alms House, Blockley—the Eastern Penitentiary, and the House of Refuge. At the Alms House there never had been worship in the chapel, (a room capable of accommodating a thousand persons,) on the morning of the Lord's day, until commenced by himself. But for several months past, he has been able, with the occasional assistance of his brethren, to maintain it without interruption, and hopes to do so throughout the year.

After sermon at the public Institutions, it is his practice to converse with the inmates on religious subjects, and to distribute among them, as he deems expedient, Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts.

During the week, he has, as opportunity offered, visited the sick, and performed such other functions of his office as he has been called upon for. Among the latter may be mentioned the baptism of two children in a dying state.

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Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian.

The Rev. Alexander Varian respectfully reports, that he has been engaged as an instructor in one of the departments of the Abbeville Institute, near Lancaster, ever since he came into the diocese, (Oct. 1835.)

He has in conjunction with the Rev. C. F. Crusé, held the services of the Church at the Institute morning and afternoon, every Lord's day, preaching alternately in the morning. During the winter and spring of 1836, in connection with the same gentleman, he visited regularly the village of Columbia, on the Susquehannah, Mr. Crusé going one Sunday, Mr. Varian the next; service and sermon morning and afternoon. Since then Columbia has been taken in charge by the Rev. W. E. Franklin.

Mr. Varian preached at York on Christmas day last, and administered the Holy Communion. Since October 1836, he has preached at the Alms House of Lancaster county, the third Sunday afternoon in every month. On Sunday, April 30th, 1837, he preached and held service, in the morning and evening, at Mount Hope Furnace, the residence of Mrs. Grub. Congregation small, but attentive. Responses audible,

and almost general; this latter circumstance is owing entirely to the laudable exertions of Mrs. Grub and her daughters, who have been unremittingly engaged for eighteen months past in giving Sunday School instruction to the children in their neighborhood. A school of from 25 to 40 children of both sexes, varying in number with the season of the year, assembles every Lord's day to learn the way of life. The Prayer Book is (as we think it ought every where to be) made the principal Sunday school Book, after the Scriptures. The children, as soon as able to read, are made familiar with the Psalter and the ordinary services of the Church, recite the Church catechism, and portions of scripture as a constant exercise. Could one of the Church Missionaries be stationed in that region of country, we have no doubt he might be extensively useful among the destitute people employed at the furnaces and other iron works there in operation.

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Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, jr. Rector of Emmanuel Church,  
Kensington.

Baptisms, infants, 25; total, 25; Congregation, families, 13; adults, 28; children, 22; total, 50; Communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 1; present number, 10; Public services, on Sundays, in the last eight months, 64; other days, 40; total, 104; marriages, 1; burials, 3; children catechized, 50; times, weekly; Sunday schools, male and female, teachers, 10; pupils, 140; collections, missionary and other purposes, \$3.

Previous to the summer of 1836, several attempts had been made, to form an Episcopal congregation in Kensington, but without success. In April of that year, several individuals, feeling a desire that another effort should be made for that purpose, conferred with the Bishops and clergy on the subject, and subsequently invited the present Rector to labor there, and endeavor to create an interest among the inhabitants for an Episcopal church.

He commenced operations the latter part of September. A Sunday school was opened at the Commissioners Hall, with *five* children. On the first occasion of divine service, at the same place, the congregation consisted of *four* individuals.—The congregation and Sunday school, under the superintendence of the Minister, continued to increase; the people were visited, some became interested in religious matters, meetings for social prayer were held weekly at different houses, and thus things progressed until Christmas, when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to fourteen individuals,

five of whom were considered as communicants of the new church.

The organization of a vestry did not take place, until the 14th February 1837, when a meeting was held, at which it was "deemed expedient to organize a congregation, in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, to be called Emmanuel Church," of which the minister before called was elected Rector. Twelve persons were elected vestrymen and two of them church wardens. Subsequently, the form of a proposed charter was agreed upon, which was submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and received their approval.

Measures were entered into for the raising of funds, with which to erect a building for the use of the congregation, and with some success. But, in consequence of the great pressure in money matters, it was deemed expedient, for the present, to suspend exertions for that purpose.

There is an amazing indifference among the inhabitants of Kensington, to the concerns of the soul, but we trust, that, by "prayer and pains taking" accompanied with the blessing of Him "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;" there will be "added to the Church, many of such as shall be saved."

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Report of Messrs. Wm. Staunton and Armstead Beckham, Wardens of Christ Church, borough of Alleghany, Alleghany County.

Baptisms, infants, 2: total 2: Congregation, families, 32: communicants, added, 2: present number, 41: public services, on Sundays, 28: other days, 5: total, 33: burials, 2: children catechized, 16: times, 6: Sunday Schools, male, 1: teachers, 6: pupils, 25: female, 1: teachers, 5: pupils, 35: total, schools, 2: teachers, 11: pupils, 60.

This parish has been supplied with ministerial services every other Sunday, during six months, previous to the resignation of its minister on the 20th March, 1837.

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Report of Messrs. Alba Fisk and Jas. M'Clure, Wardens of St. John's Church, Lawrenceville, Alleghany County.

Baptisms, infants, 2; total, 2; Communicants, died or removed, 2; present number, 19; public services, on Sundays, 28.

This parish has been supplied with ministerial services, every other Sunday, for six months, previous to the resignation of the minister, on the 20th March, 1837.

Report of W. H. Sayre, Warden of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk,  
Northampton County.

Baptisms, infants, 4; congregation, about 40 adults; communicants, 5; public services, on Sundays, 20; other days, 3; total 23; funerals, 2.

The proposed charter under which we were admitted into the union with the Church, was duly executed and enrolled at Harrisburgh, in the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office, on the 7th June last.

This congregation is without a rector, and depended wholly for clerical aid during the past year, upon the voluntary services of the following named reverend gentlemen, who have preached:—Rev. James May, 4 times; Rev. George C. Drake, 5 times; Rev. J. M. Rogers, 6; Rev. Samuel T. Lord, twice; Rev. Alfred C. Lord, 3 times, (diocese of New Jersey,) Rev. John B. Clemson, 3 times; total 23.

In addition to the above, the Rev. Mr. Drake, has performed divine service and preached twice; Rev. Mr. Rogers, twice; Rev. Mr. May, twice, at the village of Nesquehoning, situated five miles from this town but considered as within the bounds of the parish.

Dependent as we are upon the kind offices of the Methodist Society, for the occasional use of their house, we are at a loss to name the number of those who would be constant attendants upon the services of the Church, but feel perfectly safe in putting down our congregation at forty adults, and believe it would be much increased if we had a Church building and a resident minister. Fully aware of the disadvantages we labour under, in both these particulars, and believing that if we had a house erected, we should much more easily obtain the means of maintaining a clergyman than in any other mode we can adopt; the vestry have resolved to attempt building, and have issued subscription books accordingly.

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Report of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants, 2; burials, 4; Confirmed, 7; from 16th May, 1836, to 16th May, 1837: Collections, Episcopal and Convention Fund, \$77 22; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$121 34; poor of the Parish, \$168 07; total, \$366 63.

The Missionary Association of the Church, has also contributed, during the year, for various purposes, the sum of \$789 25. Total amount raised in the Church, \$1155 88.



The absence of the rector is offered as an excuse for this imperfect report.

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The following report of the committee, relative to the legal register of baptisms and marriages performed by the bishop, was presented and adopted.

The committee appointed by the last Convention, "to consider that part of the address of the Bishop, relating to the devising of some legal record of such baptisms and marriages as have been, or may hereafter be performed by him in places within this diocese, where there are no organized parishes or parochial registers," and also "to call the attention of the ministers and vestries of the several Churches in the diocese, to the 12th Canon, entitled "Of Registers of Baptisms," &c. respectfully report,—That they have attended to the duty committed to them, and in relation to the subject of the first resolution, applied to the Legislature of the Commonwealth at its last session, for the enactment of the following additional section of the existing law concerning Baptismal and Marriage Registers, viz:—"Be it enacted, &c., that baptisms and marriages, which have been, or may be solemnized by any bishop within the State, may be entered by him in the register of any Church of which the said bishop has the supervision; and the same when entered in the register shall have the same legal effect and operation, as if the said marriage or baptism had been solemnized by the clergyman having charge of the said Church, and been by him entered in the register thereof." The proposed section, the committee were of the opinion, fully met the case in question, and from the readiness with which one branch of the Legislature passed it, they expected to have been able to report, that it had become a law of the Commonwealth. But on inquiry they find, that for some cause or other, this is not the case, and in order to secure its enactment, it will be necessary to renew the application at the next or some ensuing session of the Legislature.

With respect to the subject of the several resolutions, the committee report, that they have addressed the following Circular, to the ministers and vestries of parishes, accompanied by a copy of the 12th Canon.

In behalf of the committee,

GEORGE UPFOLD, Chairman.

## CIRCULAR.

At the last Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, "That a Committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, the Rev. Mr. Bull, Hon. John Gilmore, and James S. Smith, Esq. be directed to call the attention of the Ministers and Vestries of the several Churches in the Diocese, to the 12th of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, entitled "Of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and of Parochial Reports."

The duty assigned to the Committee, is that of calling the attention of the Ministers and Vestries to the 12th Canon, which we beg leave respectfully and earnestly to do. The importance of a compliance with its provisions, so far as it relates to obtaining an accurate view of the state of the Church, will at once be perceived by the Clergy, while the lay members of the Church may be reminded that the Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, being by law evidence of the facts contained in it, important civil rights may be affected by negligence in keeping it.

A copy of the Canon is subjoined.

We are respectfully,

Your Brethren and Friends,

GEORGE UPFOLD,

LEVI BULL,

JOHN GILMORE,

JAMES S. SMITH,

} Committee.

## CANON XII.

*Of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and of Parochial Reports.*

SECTION I. Each Clergyman shall keep an account of all the baptisms, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry, specifying the name and date of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors, the name of the adult baptized, the names of the parties married, and the name of the person buried; and also the time when each rite was performed.

Section II. These entries shall, by the minister, or, if so ordered by the vestry, by the clerk or sexton of the Church, be recorded in a suitable book, to be provided by the vestry, which shall be the Church Register, and shall belong to, and remain with the vestry, as a part of the Church records. And

the minister of each parish shall also keep a list of all the communicants within his cure, as nearly as they can be ascertained; and also a list of the persons confirmed from time to time, by the Bishop.

SECTION III. Every minister of a parish, or parishes, in this diocese, shall present or forward, at every Annual Convention, to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the president of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and persons confirmed in his parish or parishes severally, since the last like report; and also, of the number of the communicants, distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report; also he shall add a statement of all other matters of fact, that may throw light on the state of his parish or parishes.

SECTION IV. These parochial reports shall be read in the Convention; and all the specifications of baptisms, marriages, funerals, persons confirmed, and communicants, and the statements of other matters of fact contained in them, shall be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

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The following proposed alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and the following proposed amendment in the Table of Moveable Feasts, were laid before the house.

*Proposed alterations in the Constitution.*

*Resolved*, That the following alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be, and are hereby proposed, and that they be made known to the several State Conventions.

Article 5th to be altered so as to read as follows:—

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any part of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution; and a new diocese, to be formed from one or more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other diocese; nor shall any diocese be formed by the junction of two or more dioceses or parts of dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the dioceses concerned; as well as of the General Convention.

No such new diocese shall be formed, which shall contain

less than 8000 square miles in one body, and thirty presbyters who have been, for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a bishop.—Nor shall such new diocese be formed, if thereby any existing diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than 8000 square miles, or less than thirty presbyters, who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

In case one diocese shall be divided into two dioceses, the diocesan of the diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall, thereupon, become the diocesan thereof; and the assistant bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and, if it be not the one elected by the bishop, he shall be the diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a diocese into two dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two dioceses shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese so divided, except as local circumstances prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing dioceses, the new diocese shall be subject to the constitution and canons of that one of the said existing dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged, prior to the erection of such new diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new diocese.

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United," in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" whenever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States," in the eighth article, and insert the word "Diocese;" and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

*Proposed Amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts.*

*Resolved,* That it be made known to the Convention of



every diocese, that it is proposed to add to the note on the Table of Moveable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon, the words "unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it—for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day."

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, August, 1835.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D., *Presiding Bishop*.

Attested,

BIRD WILSON, D. D., *Secretary*.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

WILLIAM E. WYATT, D. D., *President*.

Attested,

HENRY ANTHON, D. D., *Secretary*.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection; when after the benediction by the Right Rev. the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET,  
Secretary of the Convention.

### *List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

MAY 19th 1837.

The Right Rev. Henry Ustick Onderdonk, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D.D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. Adderly, Missionary at Georgetown, and St. Paul's on the Ohio river, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Chas. H. Alden, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasely, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Breintnall, missionary at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, assistant minister of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. Bryant, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a public school, and officiating as a domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, rector of the Swedish churches near Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of the church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, rector of Trinity church, Southwark.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé, Professor of Languages in the Abbeville Institute, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, deacon, missionary at Bellefonte and Philipsburgh, Centre county.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, assistant minister of the Swedish churches near Norristown.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Douglas, (a coloured man,) rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, M. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Dyce, residing in Florida.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, minister of St. John's church, York, York county, and missionary at Columbia, Columbia county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's church, Pike Run, Washington county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Bennet Glover, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, and St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county.

The Rev. John R. Goodman, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Caleb I. Good, residing in Connecticut.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, rector of St. Luke's and Trinity churches, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. Caleb S. Henry, residing in New York.

The Rev. William Hilton, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. Wm. S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, officiating in Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, residing in Delaware.

The Rev. John W. Hoffman, deacon, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, officiating at Pottstown, Montgomery county, and Morlattan, Bucks county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jacquet, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, officiating at Christ church, Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and Trinity church, Connelville, Fayette county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, St. Paul's church, Kittaning, and Trinity Parish, Freeport, Armstrong county, missionary in the

service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville, and Grace church, Hulmeville, Bucks county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, officiating at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, officiating at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county, as a missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Linn M'Kim, deacon, minister of Grace church, Honesdale, Wayne county, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, rector of St. James' church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, missionary in the service of the society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.



The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George A. Smith, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, rector of St. James' church, Muncy, Lycoming county, and St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county, missionary in the service of the society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the church of the Epiphany.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, Professor in the Abbeville Institute, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

Total \$1.

### *List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

#### ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ church.

#### ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity church.

Alleghany—Christ church.

Lawrenceville—St. John's church.

Laceyville—St. Paul's church.

## ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's church.

## BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown church.

## BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattan)—St. Gabriel's church.

Reading—Christ church.

Morgantown—St Thomas' church.

## BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's church.

## BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's church.

Newtown—St. Luke's church.

Yardleyville—St. Andrew's church.

Hulmeville—Grace church.

## BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's church.

## CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity church.

## CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's church.

East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's church.

Great Valley—St. Peter's church.

Pequea township—St. John's church.

West Whiteland township—St. Paul's church.

West Vincent—St Andrew's church.

Honeybrook—St. Mark's church.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's church.

Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's church.

Madison—Jerseytown—Christ church.

Danville—Christ church.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ church.

Rockville—Trinity church.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's church.

## DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburg—St. Stephen's church.

## DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's church.

Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St Martin's Church.

Concord township—St. John's church.

Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's church.

Rockdale—Calvary church.

## ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's Church.

Waterford—St. Peter's church.

## FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ church.

Manalen—Grace church.

Connelsville—Trinity church.

## HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's church.

## INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's church.

## LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' church.

Leacock township—Christ church.

Caernavon township, Churchtown—Bangor church.

Marietta—Zion church.

## LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barré—St. Stephen's church.

## LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James' church.

## MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's church.

## MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's church.

Thompsontown—St. Stephen's church.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' church.

Perkiomen township—St. James' church.

Norristown—St. John's church,

Pottstown—Christ church.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity church.

Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's church.

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ church.

Sunbury—St. Matthew's church.

## PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ church, St. Peter's church, St. James' church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church, Grace church, All Soul's church, the church of the Epiphany, and the church of the Ascension.

Northern Liberties—St. John's church.

Southwark—Trinity church.

Francisville—St. Matthew's church.

Lower Dublin township—All Saints church.  
 Oxford township—Trinity church.  
 Germantown—St Luke's church.  
 Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's church.  
 Kensington—Emmanuel church.  
 Hamiltonville—St. Mary's church.  
 Manayunk—St. David's church.  
 Spring Garden—Zion church.

## SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's church, Trinity church.

## SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's church.  
 New Milford—St. Mark's church.  
 Montrose—St. Paul's church.

## VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's church.  
 Venango Furnace—St. James' church.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike-run township—St. Peter's church.

## WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace church, Honesdale, and Truth church, Bethany.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg—Christ church.

## YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St Thomas (African) church not in union with the convention. Total 95.

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*Stock bought for the Episcopal Fund.*

1836 July 20th, \$343 19 Penn. 5 per cent. stock, redeemable in 1853 at \$101 75 per cent. \$349 20

Stock transferred and payment received,

THOMAS HALE & CO.

1837 May 6th, \$170 21 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1853 at 95 per cent. \$161 70

Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale, James S. Smith, and Philip H. Nicklin, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Received Payment,

Wm. DAVIDSON & SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested wholly in five per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred and sixty-one dollars and thirty cents.

JOHN READ,  
 THOMAS HALE  
 JAMES S. SMITH  
 PHILIP H. NICKLIN.

} Trustees of the  
 Episcopal Fund.





*Philip H. Nicklin, Treasurer.**Cr.*

1836			
May 21	By cash received from Tobias Wagner, Esq., paid to him by the following Churches,		
	St. John's church, New London	✕	
	Roads,		\$2 00
	St. James' church, Perkiomen,		7 46
	Christ church, Reading,		10 25
	St. James' church, Lancaster,		21 21
	Christ church, Athens,		50
	All Saint's church, Lower Dublin,		13 00
	Christ church, Brownsville,		7 60
	Trinity church, Oxford,		6 93
	St. John's church, Norristown,		7 10
	Bangor church, Churchtown,		2 50
	St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf,		1 16
	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,		3 58
	Christ church, Jersey Town,		1 72
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,		4 11
	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,		7 00
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia,		13 40
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			109 52
May 24	By cash received from Wm. Kirkham, Esq., Warden of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,		
			134 68
June 1	By cash received from Moses Kempton, Esq. Warden of Christ church, Philadelphia,		
			75 00
June 2	By cash received from Thos. Robins, Esq. Treasurer of St. Andrew's church, Philad.		
			30 00
1837			
Jan. 16	By cash received from L. R. Ashhurst, Esq. collection of the Church of the Epiphany, in 1836,		
			29 70
March 26	By Grace church, Philadelphia, collection of the 19th,		
			32 00
April 6	St. John's church, Pequea,		6 00
	Christ church, Leacock,		4 00
25	By cash received from John Read, Esq., Warden of St. James' church, Philadelphia.		40 00
30	By cash received from St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.		50 00
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			\$510 90
1836			
August	By interest on State Stock,		
			378 69
1837			
February	By interest on State Stock,		
			387 27
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			\$765 96

We the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Committee, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers therefor, and find the same to be correct.

JAMES S. SMITH, } Committee.  
G. M. WHARTON, }

*Philadelphia, May 16, 1837.*

1836			
May 14	To cash paid the Rev. Dr. Mead, Secretary of the Standing Committee, for Postage,	7 56	
18	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk for expenses in Episcopal visitation,	60 33	
21	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their expenses in attending Convention, viz.		
	Rev. S. Marks,	\$13 12	
	Mr. Rogers,	11 25	
	Dr. Upfold,	24 00	
	Mr. Reynolds,	1 50	
	J. R. Goodman,	10 87	
	Mr. Hilton,	26 25	
	James May,	12 00	
	George Mintzer,	3 75	
	George Kirke,	1 95	
	N. Stem,	7 50	
	B. B. Killikelly,	23 19	
	G. C. Drake,	10 50	
	S. T. Lord,	18 75	
	R. U. Morgan,	5 25	
	Isaac Smith,	12 30	
	S. Bowman,	3 75	
	Thomas Crumpton,	30 37	
	E. Y. Buchanan,	6 00	
	L. N. Freeman,	36 00	
	Being 75 per cent of their actual expenses.	258 30	
25	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Upfold, expenses in attending the General Convention, August, 1835, per order of the Standing Committee.	30 00	
June 16	To cash paid Jesper Harding, balance of bill for printing, of 11th June, 1835,	60 97	
	To cash paid do on account of printing of the 3d inst.,	50 00	
	To cash paid G. D. Rambaugh, bill for services and articles furnished at meeting of Convention in May last,	15 89	
Sept. 23	To cash paid Wm. Hoyland for services, portorage, &c., per order of the Standing Committee,	3 25	
Sept 30	To case paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, expenses in Episcopal visitations,	29 49	
Dec. 13	To cash paid do do	79 86	
1837			
March 28	To cash paid postage,	16	
	To cash returned loan,	99 86	
April 5	To cash remitted Rev. Dr. Anthon, New York, Sec'ry, &c., the quota due by the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for 1836, for contingent expenses of the General Convention.	43 00	
14	To cash paid Wm. Hoyland, bill for attending on meetings of Standing Committee,	5 25	
28	To cash paid Jesper Harding, balance of account for printing, of 3d June, 1836,	55 12	
	To cash paid do for printing circulars,	6 00	
May 9	Balance in Bank,	76 13	
		\$881 17	

The foregoing account has been examined by us and found correct,  
 JAMES S. SMITH,  
 GEORGE M. WHARTON, } Committee.  
*Philadelphia, May 9, 1837.*

1836			
May 10	By balance of former account,		30 96
14	By cash received of the Church of the Epiphany, con- tribution due May, 1835,		20 00
17	St Paul's, Philadelphia, collection,		58 79
19	Trinity, Pittsburg,		20 00
	St. Paul's, Chester,		5 00
	Christ, Reading,		5 35
	St. Stephen's, Wilksbarre,		6 50
	St. John's, New London,		3 42
	St. David's, Newton,		4 60
	St. James', Perkiomen,		5 76
	St. James', Lancaster,		22 00
	Christ church, Allegheny,		7 50
	Do do do arrears,		5 00
	Christ church, Towanda,		1 33
	Christ church, Columbia, Bradford county,		81
	St. Paul's, Kittaning,		7 62
	St. Peter's, Butler,		5 00
	Trinity, Freeport,		3 62
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,		5 00
	Christ, Brownsville,		9 09
	St. Peter's, Pike Run,		2 94
	All Saints, Lower Dublin,		5 00
	St. James', Muncey,	}	5 00
	St. Matthew's, Sunbury,		
	Christ church, Meadville,		10 00
	Trinity, Oxford,		5 95
	St. John's, Norristown,		7 00
	Grace, Dyberry, Honesdale,		5 00
	Do do do arrears,		5 00
	St. John's, Dundaff,		3 81
	Trinity, Carbondale,		7 50
	Trinity, Easton,		5 60
	St. John's, Carlisle,		10 00
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,		5 00
	Christ, Huntingdon,		5 00
	Do do arrears,		5 00
	St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf,		1 16
	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,		3 58
	Christ, Jersey Town,		1 70
	Christ, Danville,		5 00
	Grace, Philadelphia,		20 00
	All Saint's, Lower Dublin, arrears,		5 00
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,		8 00
	St Peter's, Waterford,		3 18
	Christ, Greensburg, arrears,		5 00
	Do do collection,		5 00
	Trinity, Connelsville,		5 00
	St. Mary's, Hamilton,		5 00
	St. John's, Northern Liberties,		5 43
27	St. Peter's, Philadelphia,		44 10
June 1	St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,		20 00
14	Christ, Philadelphia,		44 62
Oct. 6	St. Mark's, New Milford,		5 00
1837			
March 13	Trinity, Pittsburg,		42 00
19	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,		39 39
24	Grace, Philadelphia,		58 00
	On Loan,		99 86
30	St. James' Philadelphia, for 1836,		20 00
April 3	Trinity, Southwark,		30 00
27	St. Peter's, Philadelphia,		50 00
May 6	St. James', Philadelphia,		40 00
			<u>\$881 17</u>
May 9	By balance,		76 15
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TOBIAS WAGNER, Treasurer.



#### ERRATA.

On page 30, 5th line from bottom, for "*when* the various institutions," read *upon* the various, &c.

Page 31, for C. W. Meredith, read Wm. Meredith.